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PM: LABOUR WILL TAX YOUR YEARS OF SAVINGS IN WEEKS

By **Sam Lister**

LABOUR will plunder savers' accounts "within weeks" if Sir Keir Starmer seizes power, the PM has warned.

The party has refused to rule out 17 ways to squeeze

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Caring Zara's big hug for grieving Lady Gabriella

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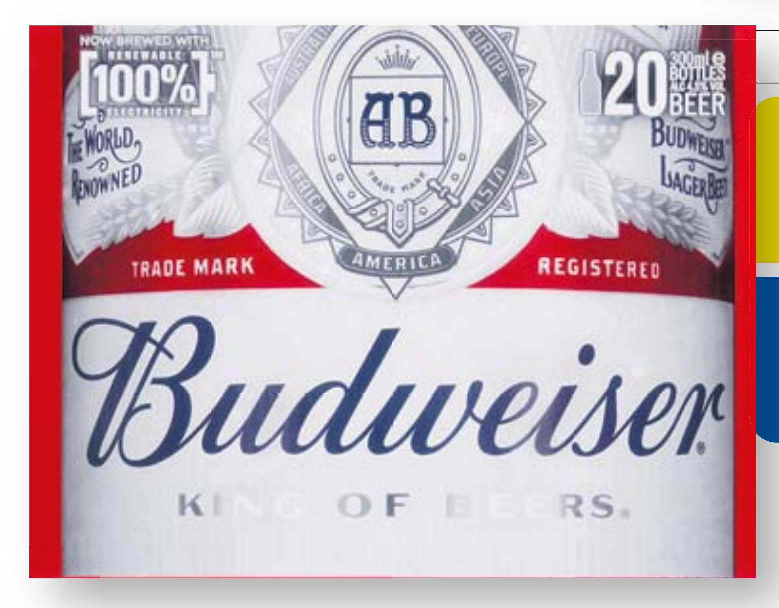
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Break out the Bolly for Ab Fab reunion

Golden girls... from left, Jane, Dame Joanna, Jennifer and Julia

Originals...the cast during 2012 return

By **Mark Jefferies**

SWEETIE, darling...it will be Absolutely Fabulous to see you again!

Stars of the classic sitcom are to reunite for the first time since 2016.

Jennifer Saunders, Dame Joanna Lumley, Julia Sawalha and Jane Horrocks will reminisce for a one-off documentary on how the hit was made.

Tribute

Absolutely Fabulous: Inside Out will also pay tribute to Dame June Whitfield, who was Mother and died in 2018 at 93.

The TV show ran from 1992 to 2003, following PR boss Edina "Eddie" Monsoon (Jennifer) and retired model Patsy Stone (Dame Joanna) as they tried to relive their youth in 60s London by chasing 90s fads and indulging in heavy drinking and drugs. That led to crises, often solved by Eddie's daughter Saffy (Julia).

Jane starred as Eddie's foolish personal assistant Bubble.

Ab Fab made a three-episode return for its 20th anniversary, while a film based on the series was released in 2016.

Jennifer, 65, who also created Ab Fab, said she was thankful for the "kind and helpful" programme, on Gold later this year.

She said: "I loved making Ab Fab but I can't remember a great deal, so much of this retrospective is a revelation to me."

Dame Joanna, 78, said: "It was a fabulous wander down memory lane by actresses who only have the faintest grip on reality."

All you need is birthday love, Uncle Paul

By **Hannah Roberts**

SIR Paul McCartney received a sweet birthday message as he turned 82 yesterday – from Julian Lennon, aka Jude.

Julian posted a selection of pictures on social media that showed him with the Beatles superstar. The musician and photographer, son of John Lennon and his first wife Cynthia, wrote on social media: "Hoppy Birdy Uncle Paul! Only Love... Jude x."

The Beatles' classic hit Hey Jude was written by Sir Paul for Julian, 61, in 1968.

An evergreen classic, the song is currently being sung by England fans at Euro 2024 in honour of Three Lions star Jude Bellingham. Sir Paul's daughter Mary, 54, also wished her father a happy birthday and shared a series of images on Instagram.

The post read: "Happy Birthday Dad, with all my love. Mary."

On Sunday, his fashion designer daughter Stella, 52, sent her own message for Father's Day. In an Instagram post, she wrote: "My Dad. Papa Smurf. Where to even start. Each year I am blessed to have you as my father, and it gets harder and harder to put into words truly how much you mean to me, Dad.

"Thank you for being a dad to the core, and giving the best hugs a baby could experience.

"Proud daughter. Blessed and grateful. XX Smelly Stelly."

It comes as the veteran singer prepares to perform in the UK for the first time since headlining Glastonbury in 2022.

Sir Paul is set to bring his Got Back tour to Manchester's Co-Op Live Arena and London's O2 in December after taking it around the world, including Uruguay, Peru and Spain.


Sweet...Julian Lennon with Sir Paul

PM PUTS CLEAR BLUE WATER

‘With inflation we can focus on

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voters, including taxing their rainy day funds. Rishi Sunak said: “You’ve saved for years, but if Keir Starmer gets in, he will tax your savings within weeks. That’s the £2,094 tax threat posed to your financial security by an unaccountable Labour Government locked into power for a generation by votes for 16 year olds.”

The Premier today launches his plan to cut taxes for all ages with £17billion of fully funded reforms.

Speaking ahead of the latest inflation figures being released, Mr Sunak claimed the economy was on the up: “When I became Prime Minister, spiralling inflation was our biggest economic challenge – and so I made halving inflation my key priority.

“Now, with inflation back under control, we can focus on cutting taxes and ensuring working people have the financial security they deserve. We believe in lower taxes because people, not governments, make the best decisions about how to spend their money.”

He went on: “Cutting taxes is a moral mission for me and I want to deliver tax cuts at every stage of life. By contrast, raising tax is in Labour’s DNA. The plans set out in Labour’s manifesto would take taxes to the highest level in our country’s history – and that’s before you add in the £38.5billion black hole in their promises.”

Sir Keir, *inset*, and his frontbench have stuck tightly to their line that nothing in the manifesto requires tax rises beyond those announced already.

He has repeatedly insisted he does not want to raise the burden on “working people”. But yesterday he was pressed on air if that meant savers are in his sights.

He told LBC: “The person I have in my mind when I say ‘working people’ is people who earn their living, rely on our services and don’t really have the ability to write a cheque when they get into trouble.”

Tories accused Labour of leaving open 17 options for raising cash if the party wins, including ending the 25% tax-free lump sum on pensions. Labour has ruled out rises in VAT, income tax and also on national insurance.

Sir Keir said: “None of our plans require tax rises over and above the ones we have set out.” Pressed on whether he would launch a costly council tax band revaluation, he said: “What I am not going to do is sit here two-and-a-bit weeks before the election and write the budgets for the next five years.

“What I can say is that none of our plans require a tax rise, and that is for a reason. Our focus is getting our economy going, on building, on growing, on raising living standards, on creating wealth.”

Ex-Tory leader Sir Iain Duncan Smith claimed: “If you have savings, if you own a home, if you own wealth, you are going to get walloped. That is a big admission. His levelling-up isn’t levelling-up, it’s levelling-down. The old socialist in there who supported Jeremy Corbyn is still alive and well.”

The Tories have committed to tax cuts of £17.2billion a year by the end of the decade. They include the end of the main rate of national insurance for the self-employed, a cut of 2p in the rate for earners and a “triple lock plus” to protect older voters from paying income tax on their state pension.

Mr Sunak spent yesterday campaigning in Devon. In search of floating voters he joined a lobster fishing boat off the North Devon coast and the newly-created Torridge and Tavistock seat.

He said that Boris Johnson’s support for the Tories “will make a difference”. The former PM has written a letter to voters and has made videos endorsing party candidates.

Mr Sunak said: “I very much welcome that. I know that will make a difference and, of course, every week he is...making sure that everyone understands what the Labour Government would do to this country and why it’s important that everyone votes Conservative.”

A Labour spokesman said yesterday: “The Conservatives have raised taxes to a 70-year high.

“[Chancellor] Jeremy Hunt has admitted the Conservatives’ tax cuts are completely unfunded and will risk putting mortgages up again by £4,800. It’s time for change.”

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ANALYSIS



MARTYN BROWN
Deputy Political Editor

ALMOST 22 years ago to the day, England played Brazil in the quarter-final of the World Cup. With the score level at 1-1 at half-time, Gareth Southgate was expecting a rousing speech from manager Sven-Goran Eriksson to inspire the team to a magnificent victory.

It never materialised and England lost, with Southgate later quipping they “needed Winston Churchill, but got Iain Duncan-Smith”.

Fast forward to today and Rishi Sunak needs to be more like the Tory Party’s greatest leader and less like the man once dubbed “the quiet man”.

With the Tories trailing in the polls and just 15 days to go, he needs to turn up the volume. Especially as he is battling three fronts.

On the one hand the Prime Minister wants to publicly focus all his attention on Labour. But Nigel Farage’s return has provoked a rearguard action to thwart the rise of Reform UK which threatens to put the kibosh on the Tories’ election hopes.

Snarled

Perhaps more concerning is the rise of the Lib Dems.

It’s no surprise that Mr Sunak dragged Foreign Secretary Lord Cameron to North Devon yesterday to help shore up the Tory vote which is under threat there from the yellow peril.

Mr Sunak will today turn his guns on Labour’s Achilles heel, that taxes will rise if Sir Keir Starmer gets the keys to No10. The PM warns that Labour will raid savers’ money “within weeks” of getting into power.

Responding to Sir Keir suggesting savers aren’t “working people” Iain Duncan Smith snarled: “The old socialist in there who supported Jeremy Corbyn is still alive and well.”

Perhaps England might have beaten Brazil if they had the 2024 version of IDS.

Whether the current version of Mr Sunak is good enough to secure an unlikely victory remains to be seen.

Catch... Rishi Sunak yesterday on lobster boat; left, with two at Clovelly

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under control cutting taxes'

COMMENT

DAME HARRIET BALDWIN
Tory chair of Treasury Committee

I CAN spot make-believe economics a mile off and the promises made by Starmer on the economy are the stuff of fantasy – we all know the only thing it will result in is higher taxes.

The manifesto is hardly a comprehensive plan for government. But we do know, thanks to Wes Streeting slipping up, that it isn't the "sum total" of Labour's plans. What they don't say is often more revealing than what they do.

There is a gaping hole of £38.5billion in their spending plans. Faced with this situation, Labour would do what Labour has always done and raise your taxes. Labour high command have also consistently failed to rule out 17 specific taxes, ranging from capital gains tax to council tax. Do you really trust Labour not to pull the lever of higher taxation?

You can spend your money better than the state can.

Decisions

You noticed inflation when you went shopping, paid your bills and when out for a pint.

We said we would deal with it, so it has gone from 11.7% back to around 2%.

Conservatives had to take the difficult decisions to get there. But we said we'd do it.

We said that we would cut taxes for working people – and we have.

Workers have already got a tax cut worth £900. But we will do more.

We have set the wheels in motion for taxes to come down even further.

The Conservatives are the only party which will reduce the tax burden.

Under every single other party's plan, it is going to go up to record levels. You have the power to choose.

Do you want to keep more of your hard-earned cash with the Conservatives, or less with Labour?

It's a no-brainer.

Fishermen set to 'lose £775m' due to Labour plans

EXCLUSIVE
By **Steph Spyro**

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Steve Barclay has claimed Labour's plans to "unravel" Brexit could cost British fishermen around £775million.

The Conservatives have secured fishing quotas worth more than £970million in 2024.

The UK has the opportunity to negotiate a new deal in 2026 under the terms of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

But Mr Barclay said: "It is nothing short of an embarrassment that Labour have failed to mention our fishing industry in their manifesto. Keir Starmer stood in Grimsby, once the largest fishing port in England, last week – yet mere days later it has emerged that he has no respect for coastal communities, the fishing industry, or anyone outside of his Islington bubble."

A Labour spokesman said: "We will seek to tear down unnecessary trade barriers and push for more fish to be caught in British waters by British boats."

Starmer: Blair is right about women

By **Steph Spryo**

SIR Keir Starmer yesterday backed Sir Tony Blair's comments regarding the definition of a woman.

The Labour leader said he agreed with the former Prime Minister after previously saying that "99.9% of women" do not have a penis.

In an interview, Sir Tony said: "I don't know how politics got itself into this muddle.

"What is a woman? Well, it's not a very hard thing for me to answer really. I'm definitely of the school that says, biologically, a woman is with a vagina and a man is with a penis.

"I think we can say that quite clearly."

Sir Keir told reporters: "Yes, Tony is right about that, he put it very well.

"I saw it reported. I'm not quite sure when he said it, but I agree with him on that."

Donor goes to other side

By **Liz Perkins**

BILLIONAIRE donor John Caudwell has switched his support from the Tories to Labour.

The Phones 4U founder, *inset*, who backed the Conservatives for 51 years, said he was impressed by Sir Keir Starmer's "socialism through capitalism."

At the last election he gave the Tories £500,000 to help stop Jeremy Corbyn becoming PM.

WATCH YOUR POCKETS...17 WAYS STARMER COULD MAKE YOU PAY

LABOUR HAS REFUSED TO RULE OUT:

1. The new State Pension being dragged into income tax for the first time in history
2. Ending the 25 per cent tax free lump sum
3. Making tax relief on pension contributions less generous
4. Extending National Insurance to employer pension contributions
5. Increasing the number of council tax bands
6. Undertaking an expensive council tax revaluation as the Labour leadership have already done in Wales
7. Cutting council tax discounts, as Labour is currently doing in Wales
8. Increasing the rate and level of Stamp Duty
9. New levies or charges on bills while accelerating the rollout of renewables
10. Increasing Capital Gains Tax.
11. Increasing Employers' National Insurance (the "jobs tax")
12. Ending the Enterprise Investment Scheme
13. Cutting or ending the Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme
14. Ending Venture Capital Trusts
15. Ending Business Asset Disposal Relief
16. Ending Agricultural Property Relief and Business Relief
17. Maintaining the expanded ULEZ zone in Outer London and expanding road pricing beyond London



Farage in the 'silent

By **Christian Calgie**
Senior Political Correspondent

NIGEL Farage appeared confident of an impending victory in Clacton last night, as an 820-strong rally saw him receive a rapturous response from voters.

The Reform UK leader turned theatrics up to the maximum as he walked through the throng accompanied to Eminem's Guess Who's Back, before firework sparklers erupted on stage as he received a standing ovation.

Having promised a big announcement, Mr Farage revealed that Reform UK's presence in the area had grown that evening after four councillors – elected as Conservatives in 2023 – were defecting to his insurgent party.

Mr Farage boldly predicted that, by next week, his party will be comfortably in second place in the opinion polls, having already drawn level or overtaken the Conservatives with a couple of pollsters.

He also received enthusiastic support when claiming that his plan is to present Reform UK as a valid party of Government by 2029.

Mr Farage warned: "The time has come to stand up and say, on this and many other issues, you are ignoring the will of the people, you are ignoring the silent majority, and the time has come to say enough is enough." He told the crowd: "With your help we will once again change the future of British history."

'We are going to win this seat in Clacton and many, many more'

Following claims from his Tory opponent that he isn't local enough to understand the needs of the constituency, Mr Farage promised: "What I would hope to do as a national figure would be to bring to this constituency – that is often regarded by politics as being at the end of the line and not mattering very much, someone to fight your corner. I am the right man for that job."

He promised: "We're going to win this seat in Clacton – and many, many more."

Meanwhile, Mr Farage went to war with a vetting company yesterday as yet more Reform UK candidates were outed for making offensive social media comments.

The party's Welwyn Hatfield candidate, the seat of Defence Secretary Grant Shapps, had written on X that Adolf Hitler had been "brilliant" at inspiring people into action.

While Jack Aaron admitted the Nazi leader's writing and rationale had been "basically incoherent", he also said that Syrian dictator President Assad is "gentle by nature" and that Putin's use of force in Ukraine was "legitimate".

Another candidate was blasted for saying it would have been "far better" had Britain "taken Hitler up on his offer of neutrality".

A further Reform UK candidate also came in for scrutiny yesterday, as they described the King as "weak" and claimed that he was under the control of the World Economic Forum.

Following the latest controversial revelations, Mr Farage turned his anger on to the vetting firm that the party had paid to weed out controversial candidates.

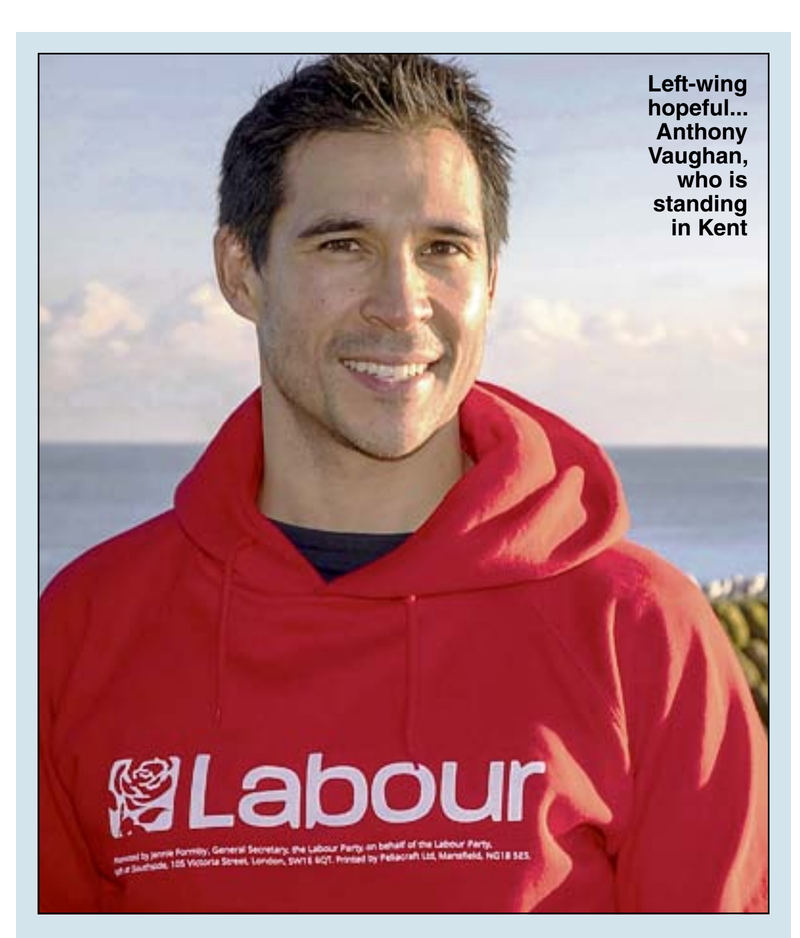
Speaking to LBC yesterday, Mr Farage admitted his party has had "trouble with one or two candidates", but claimed Reform had been "stitched up" by the company they used.

Threatening legal action against vetting.com, Mr Farage explained his party had paid £144,000 to the firm after they failed to flag any issues ahead of nominations closing. Party chairman Richard Tice said: "A professional vetting company was paid a six-figure sum in April to vet Reform candidates.

"They promised a deep dive, particularly on social media, and adverse press checks, received our candidate data – but then delivered absolutely nothing.

"Suddenly, a round of stories appear in The Times and elsewhere after nominations close, including some stories that are 15 years old. Something feels very wrong, and I





Left-wing hopeful... Anthony Vaughan, who is standing in Kent

Labour candidate stopped terrorist being deported

EXCLUSIVE
By **Martyn Brown**
Deputy Political Editor

SIR KEIR Starmer has provoked anger for fielding an election candidate who stopped a convicted terrorist from being kicked out of the UK.

Anthony Vaughan prevented the Kenyan national from being deported while working as a barrister.

The Labour candidate for Folkestone and Hythe is employed by Sir Keir's old law firm Doughty Street Chambers.

In 2021 Mr Vaughan managed to overturn an attempt by then Home Secretary Priti Patel to remove the man, who was attempting to claim asylum, following his conviction.

The Daily Express can also reveal that another Labour candidate, Ben Hartley, said he would rather have immigrants from the EU entering the UK than British retirees returning from abroad.

In a message posted on Twitter in 2019, the candidate for Altrincham and Sale West, said: "Been thinking rather have 800,000 migrants from other #EU states coming to UK to fill essential skills gaps in economy and making our society more diverse.

"Rather than have back 800,000 who fled UK for retirement in Spain and elsewhere and will end up being drain on #NHS.

"But being a pro-European I'm willing to accept freedom of movement for all #EU citizens provided migrants are employed, self employed, studying or otherwise self-sufficient – which is what EU law requires."

Both candidates have raised questions about Sir Keir's approach to immigration.

Jonathan Gullis, deputy chair of the Conservative Party, said: "Starmer can talk tough on immigration all he likes but it's clear all Labour stands for is unlimited migration.

"It's no wonder Labour is ready to turn the UK into a magnet for migrants when their prospective MPs are through the looking glass when it comes to immigration.

"Only the Conservatives will take bold action to secure our borders with our Rwanda plan."

The Labour Party has been contacted for a comment.

Drivers' stowaway training

LORRY drivers are receiving specialist training to detect illegal migrants amid fears of a resurgence in stowaways.

It is feared the 8,500 people detected annually are the tip of the iceberg, with the real figure much higher as not every vehicle can be checked.

Sources fear a crackdown on small boat smuggling gangs will lead to migrants attempting to hide in lorries bound for Britain.

Nick Caesari, of Fleet Source, which is providing the training, said the Border Force Civil Penalty Scheme mandates training as a requirement, but noted a "lack" of guidance on this from the Government.

He added: "Our course tackles this issue by giving drivers the guidance to maintain their safety and security, reduce the risk of clandestine entrants and avoid being fined."

Some 12,000 migrants have crossed the Channel this year.

pledge to stand up for majority' rivals ignore

Fans...Nigel Farage with some of the crowd before speech in Clacton last night

Picture: IAN WEST/PA

Poll predicts end for top Tories but 117 seats are still 'too close to call'

By **Martyn Brown**

ELECTION results in 117 seats are still "too close to call", pollsters have said.

The findings by Ipsos gives the Tories a glimmer of hope that the overall outcome might not be as bad as feared.

Even so, Ipsos estimates that Labour could win more than 450 seats – the biggest majority of any post-war government.

It would see bigwigs Grant Shapps, Penny Mordaunt, Gillian Keegan, Johnny Mercer and Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg losing their seats.

Chancellor Jeremy Hunt faces a close battle in his Surrey constituency of Godalming and Ash, according to the poll, while James Cleverly and Kemi Badenoch will cling on. The poll of almost 20,000 people found Labour was on course to secure 43% of the vote and 453 seats, giving it a majority of 256 and reducing the Conservatives to just 115. That would be the Tories' worst result, exceeding the previous record of 156 seats in 1906.

Kelly Beaver, of Ipsos UK and Ireland, said: "Labour is increasing its 2019 vote share, especially in Scotland and the North East, while the Conservatives are losing votes in all regions – especially in the East and South of England and across the Midlands.

"What is perhaps most concerning for them are signs in the data that they are particularly losing vote share in the areas where they were strongest in 2019."

'On course to lose' ...Jacob Rees-Mogg

The poll used a technique known as MRP to model individual constituency results based on a survey of 19,689 British adults carried out between June 7-12.

It is the first MRP survey conducted after Nigel Farage announced his bid to become MP for Clacton.

The poll suggests he is on course to win, with his Reform UK party also picking up Lee Anderson's Ashfield constituency and possibly one other seat with 12% of the national vote.

But Ms Beaver said the poll was "just a snapshot of current voting intentions" and there was "still time for things to change".

have instructed lawyers to pursue this matter vigorously."

The pair pointed to vetting.com's co-owner Colin Bloom, who previously worked as an adviser in Boris Johnson's Downing Street and is a former executive director of the Conservative Christian Fellowship.

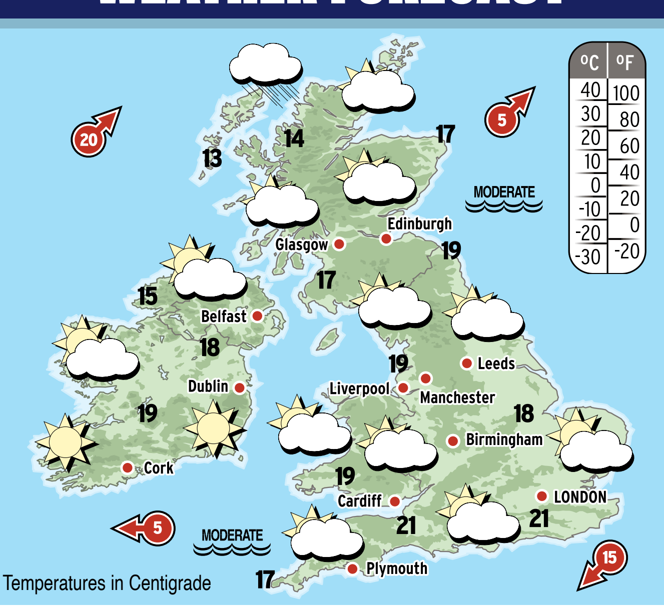
Mr Farage claimed: "This is an establishment stitch-up.

"The owner of the vetting company has deep links to the Tory party, and they have some serious questions to answer." However, the firm hit back, denying any ongoing links with the Conservative Party and insisting Mr Bloom's political neutrality. They blamed the failures on the timing of the election, explaining that they needed extra time to complete their work given the need for candidate consent to the vetting procedures.

A spokesman added: "We do not intend to litigate this in public, and we send Reform our best wishes as they shake up the UK political landscape."

The BBC announced yesterday that Mr Farage will now participate in a Question Time Leaders' Special on Friday June 28.

WEATHER FORECAST



Today's summary: Mostly dry. Bright later on

North West: Mainly dry with spells of sunshine, especially after midday. Gentle south-westerly winds. High 19C (66F).

Northern Ireland: Sunny and dry with just a little patchy cloud in the afternoon and evening. Light winds. High 18C (64F).

Wales: A dry day with spells of sunshine and some cloudier interludes earlier on. Light winds. High 21C (70F).

Midlands: Dry and fine with sunny spells and patchy cloud. Gentle north-easterly winds. High 19C (66F).

North East/Yorks: Dry with cloudy spells. Occasional sun, especially later on in the day. Light winds. High 19C (66F).

Scotland: A dry and sunny start. Cloudy in the north later with spells of rain. Fresh westerly winds. High 18C (64F).

East Anglia: Dry and fine with sunny spells and some early patchy cloud. Gentle northerly winds. High 17C (63F).

London/South East: Bright and dry with patchy cloud and sunny spells. Moderate north-easterly winds. High 21C (70F).

South: Dry with sunny periods and variable amounts of cloud. Moderate north-easterly winds. High 21C (70F).

South West: Mostly dry with sunny periods. Cloudier interludes may bring some light rain. Light winds. High 21C (70F).

Channel Isles: Dry and sunny with some patches of cloud around in the morning. Fresh north-easterly winds. High 19C (66F).

Sea: North Sea: Slight. Irish Sea: Slight. Channel: Moderate.

UK OUTLOOK TOMORROW: Cloudy across Scotland and Northern Ireland with patchy rain in the west. Sunny spells and variable cloud cover across England and Wales.

SIX-DAY FORECAST
Temperatures in Centigrade

	THU min	THU max	FRI min	FRI max	SAT min	SAT max	SUN min	SUN max	MON min	MON max	TUE min	TUE max
London	11	23	13	23	12	20	13	22	15	25	16	26
Belfast	12	18	11	17	11	18	11	18	13	20	13	20
Birmingham	11	21	12	20	12	19	12	20	14	24	14	24
Cardiff	11	22	12	18	11	18	11	20	13	22	14	23
Glasgow	12	17	12	17	11	16	11	17	13	18	12	19
Manchester	11	21	13	20	12	17	12	18	14	21	15	22
Newcastle	10	20	12	20	11	18	11	20	13	21	13	21
Norwich	10	19	13	20	12	19	12	20	14	22	14	23
Plymouth	10	20	12	17	12	18	13	19	13	21	MIST 14	21

Britain yesterday

24 hours to 5pm	SUN (hrs)	RAIN (ins)	TEMP (min)	TEMP (max)
Aberdeen	1.7	0.02	10	14
Aberporth	3.2	0.00	8	13
Alnwick	3.0	0.01	11	15
Belfast	0.9	0.00	9	14
Birmingham	4.2	0.00	8	16
B'mouth	4.9	0.00	9	21
Bristol	7.1	0.00	11	19
Cardiff	7.9	0.00	11	20
Durham	2.3	0.01	8	16
Edinburgh	2.1	0.05	11	17
Glasgow	3.1	0.01	10	18
Hull	5.8	0.00	9	18
Ipswich	10.2	0.02	11	20
Leeds	4.0	0.03	10	20
Lincoln	6.9	0.03	10	19
London	8.8	0.00	13	23
Manchester	2.7	0.00	11	16
Oxford	10.1	0.00	11	19
S'hampton	5.7	0.01	13	22
St Andrews	2.2	0.06	11	15

Moon, sun and tides

MOON rises: 7.15pm, sets: 2.25am
SUN rises London: 4.43am, sets: 9.21pm
Manchester rises: 4.39am, sets: 9.41pm

Full Moon 22 June

HIGH TIDE

London B'ge	(12.19am), (12.46pm)
Liverpool	(10.00am), (10.24pm)
Greenock	(11.01am), (11.58pm)
Dover	(10.01am), (10.13pm)

Britain Extremes: (24 hours to 2pm yesterday)
Warmest: Gosport/Fleetlands 23C (73F)
Coldest: Tyndrum 5C (41F)
Wettest: Albemarle 0.87in.
Sunniest: Almondsbury 13.1hr.

Lighting-up times

Belfast	10.03pm-4.47am
Birmingham	9.33pm-4.44am
Bristol	9.30pm-4.53am
Glasgow	10.06pm-4.30am
London	9.21pm-4.43am
Manchester	9.41pm-4.39am
Newcastle	9.48pm-4.26am

Europe forecast

Today			Tomorrow		
Amsterdam	Cloudy	19C/66F	Amsterdam	Fair	21C/70F
Brussels	Cloudy	20C/68F	Brussels	Showers	21C/70F
Dublin	Sunny	19C/66F	Dublin	Fair	20C/68F
Frankfurt	Rain	21C/70F	Frankfurt	Thunder	25C/77F
Geneva	Fair	29C/84F	Geneva	Thunder	23C/73F
Lisbon	Thunder	21C/70F	Lisbon	Cloudy	22C/72F
Madrid	Fair	26C/79F	Madrid	Rain	23C/73F
Paris	Rain	20C/68F	Paris	Thunder	22C/72F
Rome	Sunny	30C/86F	Rome	Sunny	31C/88F

Around the world yesterday

		C	F			C	F			C	F
Amsterdam	Drizzle	18	64	Hong Kong	Cloudy	29	84	New York	Sunny	28	82
Athens	Sunny	36	97	Istanbul	Sunny	30	86	Nice	Sunny	25	77
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Dublin	Cloudy	12	54	Malta	Sunny	31	88	Tenerife	Sunny	25	77
Dubrovnik	Sunny	29	84	Melbourne	Sunny	13	55	Toronto	Sunny	29	84
Faro	Fair	20	68	Miami	Fair	31	88	Tunis	Sunny	36	97
Florence	Sunny	33	91	Moscow	Thndr	22	72	Venice	Sunny	26	79
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Britain '25 years

By **Giles Sheldrick**
Chief Reporter

CANCER survival rates in Britain are a quarter of a century behind those in other nations, shameful figures show.

The perilous state of diagnosis, treatment and care is laid bare in figures revealing we have only just reached levels Sweden, Norway and Denmark hit in the early 2000s.

The emergency, years in the making, has sparked demands from more than 50 cancer charities for a national strategy to turn the crisis around.

Cancer now affects more than three million people, and half of us will be affected by it at some point.

But experts say that if the UK's survival rates matched the best in Europe, tens of thousands of the 390,000 diagnosed each year would live for at least five more years.

Gemma Peters, of Macmillan Cancer Support, said: "Behind the shocking data are thousands of people whose entire worlds have been turned upside down. It's clear cancer care is at breaking point but this is a political choice – and better is possible."

'Behind the shocking data are thousands of people whose entire worlds have been turned upside down'

One Cancer Voice will today call for the next Government to put in place an immediate action plan to end the cancer catastrophe.

The figures, compiled and published by Macmillan today, paint the starkest yet picture of the plight facing those struck down with cancer – and the postcode lottery for timely treatment.

Survival rates for prostate, bowel, breast and cervical cancer are only now reaching levels Nordic countries achieved in the early 2000s.

It comes as UK waiting times were among the worst in history last year.

Macmillan's dossier shows cervical cancer in England – for which swift intervention is critical – lags 25 years behind Norway.

The five-year survival rate for a cancer diagnosed in 3,200 people in the UK each year is currently 61.4% in England. But in Norway it was 66.2% for those diagnosed from 1992-1996.

Meanwhile, the five-year survival rate for colon cancer, which strikes 13,700 women a year, is 57.6% for those diagnosed between 2016 and 2020 – compared with 60.7% in Sweden from 1997 to 2001.

In men, the 57.6% five-year survival rate is 15 years behind Denmark at 73.2%, 70% in Norway and 59.8% in Sweden. Male bowel cancer survival in England is 15 years adrift of Sweden and a decade behind for prostate cancer.

Breast cancer survival in England is 10 years behind Sweden and Denmark. Scotland and Northern Ireland are a decade behind Sweden.

World-renowned oncologist and former NHS cancer consultant, Professor Karol Sikora, 76, said: "Not long ago, Britain was a world leader across all aspects of cancer care – diagnosis, treatment and research. Now? We are the sick man of Europe.

"Thousands and thousands of patients experiencing horrific delays just to get diagnosed."

Strategy

As the July 4 General Election looms, the Lib Dems say all cancer patients will have a right to start treatment within two months of diagnosis.

The Tories say they will publish and implement a long-awaited major conditions strategy, spelling out ways to





Anxious…Rosemary, 83, right with her daughter Jackie, 58

A 10-month wait to see if treatment a success

By **Giles Sheldrick**

APPALLING delays meant Rosemary Head waited 10 tortuous months to be diagnosed with lung cancer.

The 83-year-old from Langdon Hills, Essex, finally started treatment to eliminate a tumour in January, but has no idea if it has been successful.

A follow-up appointment has been shunted back to October – 10 months after treatment started.

Her distraught daughter Jackie, 58, has been caring for her while also recovering from her own lung cancer diagnosis.

Unlike her mother, hers was dealt with quickly. Rosemary's husband, and Jackie's dad, James died of lung cancer in 2012.

Jackie said: "My mother is constantly waiting by the phone to hear what the state of her cancer is. We both regularly feel anxious.

"It's not knowing and being led on by false promises of phone calls and cancelled appointments.

"She's been promised a CT scan, but hasn't had one since treatment. The waiting is endless.

"The future government needs to commit to making real change. The way my mum has been treated is shocking.

"No person should have to endlessly wait to know if their cancer is growing inside of them. If my mum didn't have me, she would have given up."

Macmillan Cancer Support has urged the public to contact all candidates contesting the General Election demanding they sign an immovable pledge to transform cancer care, if elected.

It can be found by visiting macmillan.org.uk/general-election-2024.

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Early cancer diagnosis is vital... a CT scanner in action

COMMENT



GEMMA PETERS

Chief Executive, of Macmillan Cancer Support

BEHIND today's shocking data are thousands of real people whose entire worlds have been turned upside down by cancer.

The tough reality is that the number of people with cancer is on the rise. More than three million people are already living with it, and one in two of us will face the disease.

Despite the best efforts of our incredible healthcare professionals, cancer care is at breaking point. UK cancer waiting times were among the worst on record last year.

I hear from patients and their loved ones every day who tell me how this is causing them unbearable anxiety on top of everything else. Factors such as where you live or your ethnicity are also having an impact on how fast you'll be diagnosed and how you'll be treated, which is unacceptable.

But it doesn't have to be this way. The next Government has an opportunity to transform the experiences people with cancer have for the better. Cancer can touch every part of someone's life, from their physical and mental health to their relationships, the clothes they wear, their finances and much more. Their care must reflect this.

Understanding

The Government must prioritise a funded, long-term, cross-government strategy that revolutionises how we treat people with cancer. This would mean not only thinking about someone's disease but putting them first by understanding and responding to what matters to them.

That could be continuing to work, supporting children to come to terms with their parents' diagnosis or worries about finances or housing. It is possible for care to truly revolve around who patients are and what they need.

We've seen cancer care lead the way in positively changing the healthcare system before, and it's time for it to lead the way once again. If we get this right, we will pave the way for tackling the other chronic conditions that are turning peoples' lives upside down. So, wherever you are and whoever you are, you get the very best.

tackle and treat killer diseases. Labour will double the number of MRI and CT scanners in the NHS.

Earlier this year, the Daily Express told how tens of thousands of patients were at the mercy of a treatment lottery.

Data showed only 65.2% received a diagnosis and started their first treatment within 62 days of an urgent referral – the gold standard of NHS cancer care. The target is 85%.

Michelle Mitchell, of Cancer Research UK, said: "The cancer crisis is urgent and it's real. Cancer diagnosed and treated at an early stage is more likely to be treated successfully. Prompt diagnosis and treatment underpin this."

Around 100,000 cancer patients in England did not start treatment within the target last year. Around two-thirds started within 62 days.

'Horrific delays'... Prof Sikora

CRUK analysis showed that at the end of January 2020, following a referral, nearly 15,300 patients were waiting more than 62 days to start treatment or to have cancer ruled out.

By the end of last August, that number had jumped to 23,800. That month, patients in some parts of England were around 2.7 times more likely to wait longer than 62 days for treatment.

Burden

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, where healthcare is devolved, have their own cancer waiting times targets.

Macmillan's figures also suggest patients from ethnically diverse backgrounds wait longer to be diagnosed for several cancer types. Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands endure the physical and emotional burden of a diagnosis.

Ms Peters said: "Cancer has led the way in changing the healthcare system for the better before. It's time to lead the way once again.

"We urgently need a long-term cross-government strategy that revolutionises cancer care and ensures everyone has access to the care they need, every step of the way."

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British Gas

Casual Royals celebrate their silver service


Picture: CHRIS JELF/BUCKINGHAM PALACE

By **Emily Ferguson**

THE Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh have marked their silver wedding anniversary today with a relaxed, easy-going photo.

The picture, taken by Chris Jelf at the couple's home in Bagshot Park, Surrey, shows Prince Edward, 60, wrapping his arms lovingly around Sophie, 59.

The couple, who have two children, Lady Louise Windsor, 20, and James, Earl of Wessex, 16, wed at Windsor Castle 25 years ago, on June 19, 1999.

In March, Sophie called Edward "the best of fathers, the most loving of husbands" and "still my best friend".

In a TV interview, Edward described his wife as his "rock", adding: "I'm incredibly lucky that I found Sophie and that she found me."

The thriller for Camilla is detective Roy Grace

By **Matt Nixson**

THE Queen has named her favourite fictional detective as Roy Grace in the series by author Peter James.

Camilla said on her Queen's Reading Room book club podcast that she started the series "at the very beginning".

She added: "Although there is a pretty terrifying story you've always got the thread of Grace and his life, lots of twists and turns. It keeps you on your toes."

James, 75, whose series was adapted by ITV with John Simm as Grace, said of her praise: "I was in tears when I heard it."

Hat's entertainment...fans didn't spare the flowers, feathers or Love Hearts at Royal Ascot yesterday

King and Queen reign

By **Emily Ferguson**
Royal Editor

THE King enjoyed a topping start to Royal Ascot as he and the Queen led the carriage procession to the racecourse in the glorious summer sunshine.

Wearing a grey morning suit and a top hat, Charles beamed alongside Camilla, who wore a royal blue dress and hat for the start of the five-day annual race meeting.

Their eye-catching headgear set the tone for a brilliant display by fellow racegoers.

But no less apparent was the royals' caring nature, with pride of place for Lady Gabriella Kingston, who tragically lost her husband earlier this year.

The King, 75, invited Ella, as she is known to friends and family, to join him in the traditional carriage procession, and she sat in the second carriage alongside Princess Anne.

Wearing a floral dress and pink hat, Ella, 43, daughter of Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, was later enveloped in a huge hug from Anne's daughter Zara Tindall, 43. She was also seen chatting with Princess Eugenie, 34, who joined the royals for the society race event. The event was particularly poignant for Lady Gabriella as she attended Royal Ascot last year with her late husband, who took his own life in February at the age of 45.

After he was found dead at his parents' Cotswolds home, Buckingham Palace described the financier as a "much-loved member of the family" and said he was being mourned by the King and Queen.

Yesterday marked Ella's first public appearance since her husband's death, though she was at Trooping the Colour at the weekend.

She was seen watching the King's Birthday Parade from inside Buckingham Palace and later watching the RAF flypast inside the balcony doors.

Yesterday the Berkshire racecourse was packed with revellers decked out in style for the occasion. Amid the stunning array of feathers and flowers was one hat bearing decorations in the shape of giant Love Hearts sweets with messages including Kiss Me and Be Mine, and another patriotic race-goer wearing a Union Flag dress.

Famous faces included ITV's Good Morning Britain anchor Charlotte

AND THEY'RE OFF...TO GET

ASCOT residents admit they love it when the races are on – as they make extra cash by renting out parking spaces and selling refreshments.

Householders in the Berkshire town have spent the past few days gearing up for Royal Ascot, a major fixture in the racing calendar.

The event, which started yesterday, gives a huge boost to the local economy and attracts a range of celebrities and royals.

Some residents make money by selling drinks out of their windows, or even renting out parking spaces in their

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Hug...Zara with Lady Gabriella, pictured right with her late husband Thomas

on their Ascot parade

SOME EXTRA CASH AS RACING FANS ARRIVE IN TOWN

By **Imogen Howse**

driveway. One local claimed his neighbour made £4,000 last year, while another offers up his drive for £30 a day.

Jon Grimes, who lives close to the racecourse, said: "I absolutely love it. It's one of the reasons you live here.

"People around here get involved. Our kids used to sell lemonade and brownies out the front of the house so they'd make some good pocket money."

Tim, who lives next to the racecourse entrance, said: "Our neighbours earned £4,000 last year by selling flip-flops and water out the front door. Not bad for a week's work if you ask me."

Resident Brian Greatorex hires out parking spaces in his driveway. He said: "The official car parks cost £45. So if you offer your driveway for £30...

"We've had five cars a day in here before so you can make good money. Bookies are regular customers."

But he added: "We also do get the odd person who uses the driveway as a toilet, but people along the road are quite good at dealing with it. Our neighbour sprayed a man with a hose, which I thought was brilliant."

Hawkins, 49, in a smart red dress and hat, and Bruce Forsyth's widow Lady Forsyth, 66, equally dazzling in sky blue.

Also in the crowd were Penny Lancaster, 53, former England footballer Theo Walcott, 35, jockey Frankie Dettori, 53, and DIY SOS star Nick Knowles, 61, with fiancee Katie Dadzie, 34.

The King and Queen wrote in the official programme: "It gave us immense pleasure and joy to witness Desert Hero's victory in the King George V Stakes last year, particularly as he was bred by Her late Majesty. We wish all the participants this week the very best of luck in seeking that unique thrill of a Royal Ascot winner."

The royal couple had been joined in their carriage by Charles Wellesley, the 9th Duke of Wellington, who carried Queen Mary's Crown at the Coronation, and his wife, Princess Antonia.

Ella and Anne were joined in the second carriage by Anne's son Peter Phillips and Charles and Camilla's racing manager John Warren, and in the third were Camilla's sister Annabel Elliot, her son Sir Ben Elliot and the Earl and Countess of Halifax.

And following them in the final coach was Sir Johnny Weatherby, the racehorse owner and breeder and who was the late Queen Elizabeth's representative at Ascot from 2011 to 2020, and racehorse trainer Ralph Beckett and his wife.

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Flying the flag...Lady Forsyth and Charlotte Hawkins in blue and red



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Keep Sunak if you want to avoid Labour tax grab

A COUNTRY groaning under the post-pandemic tax burden cannot afford a Labour Party that will pile more taxes on hard-pressed households.

Rishi Sunak was right to launch the furlough scheme and save families from destitution as Covid ravaged the country. Today, he has done the right thing by drawing up bold plans to ease the pressure on workers and ensure the state pension is not raided by the taxman.

He looks in horror at Labour's refusal to rule out 17 different ways that it could squeeze cash out of citizens. If a party does not give a clear commitment not to raise a tax then it is keeping this hideous option on the table.

It would be monstrous if income tax is charged on the state pension. Likewise, whittling away tax relief on pension contributions would be cruel and stupid when people need every encouragement to save for retirement.

A hike in stamp duty would heighten the despair around the housing market and introducing new green levies would punish vulnerable people while not solving a global problem.

The Prime Minister stated that "if Keir Starmer gets in, he will tax your savings within weeks." Nobody can say we weren't warned.

It would be an act of self-sabotage to turf out a PM who is trying to revive enterprise and growth and fill Westminster with Labour MPs who won't rule out the most venal of tax grabs.

Improve cancer care now

BRITONS pay billions in tax to fund the NHS but too often its performance is far from world-class.

Cancer survival rates in the UK are now a quarter of a century behind other countries. Britain is only now reaching levels that were achieved in Denmark, Norway and Sweden at the start of the 21st century.

Charities say a nationwide strategy is required to "turn the crisis around".

Beyond the statistics are stories of terrible suffering, of pain, fear, loss and mourning.

If we achieved the success rates of European counterparts families would be spared this sorrow.

True friendship at Ascot

ZARA Tindall brims with the kindness, warmth and empathy that lights up life.

Royal Ascot is a time when old friends delight in seeing one another – but it is also a poignant, even painful experience for those who have suffered bereavement.

The granddaughter of the late Queen flung her arms around Lady Gabriella Kingston, whose husband died by suicide earlier this year. This is what true friendship looks like, and is one of many reasons why this brilliant equestrian, champion of charities and devoted mum is so treasured.

UK and EU face new role as defenders of the free world



Picture: URS FLUEELER/AFP

ISOLATED: Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky at peace summit last week

Lord Ashcroft
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EARLY next month, just five days after UK voters have been to the polls, world leaders will gather in Washington DC for a historic Nato summit. The main theme of the three-day gathering on July 9 is to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Nato, the most successful and enduring alliance in history.

However, while no one doubts America's general commitment to Nato and its 32 member states, there are growing concerns over US support for Ukraine after 28 months of all-out war with Russia.

These worries were aired even before Donald Trump branded Ukraine's President Zelensky as "the best salesman" for repeatedly securing substantial financial support from the US – aid the Republican presidential hopeful suggested would be cut off.

In my role as lead sponsor, I have just attended the three-day Black Sea Security Forum in the Ukrainian port of Odesa, the so-called "pearl of the Black Sea". During my visit, I was struck by the fact so many informed politicians and military figures – from both sides of the Atlantic – now doubt America's commitment not just to Ukraine, but to wider European countries too.

THOSE concerns centre largely on what will happen after the US elections in November when there is every chance Trump will win his second term as president.

At the G7 summit in Italy last week, it was agreed to use frozen Russian assets to raise £39billion for Ukraine to help it fight Russia.

President Joe Biden was full of positive soundbites when he also announced a 10-year bilateral security deal with Ukraine, claiming it was a reminder to Russia "that we're not backing down".

However, this was seen differently in Ukraine. The agreement envisages US military aid and training but, with another refusal to send US troops to Europe, some saw it as a message to Russia that "we are not up for a fight".

Ukraine is not a Nato member despite its desire to join and receive the protection from other member states.

It is privately resigned to the fact that it will not be offered membership next month and it is highly unlikely to receive it while the war with Russia continues. The US and other Nato members fear this would escalate the war and could even lead to a nuclear conflict.

The best Ukraine can hope for next month is a pledge that it will be given Nato membership once the war is over but it is far more likely that it will simply be offered watered-down "security guarantees".

One major problem that President Zelensky faces in the US is that both main parties know that massive support for Ukraine – and the cost that goes with it – is not a vote-winner in the forthcoming election.

Senior figures at the Odesa forum now fear that, whoever is president after the November vote, he will push strongly for a peace deal – even one that allows parts of Ukraine, the so-called "Occupied Territories", to remain with its Russian invaders.

The Democrats' support for Ukraine so far is widely seen as half-hearted: continually giving Ukraine just enough support not to lose the war but never enough to win it.

But more worryingly, many Republicans are advocates of the "America first" strategy and they want to end the US's massive war funding for Ukraine.

Trump himself has often aired his anger that European nations do not pay their way when it comes to defence. So the reality that Ukraine and its European allies are now contemplating is that the on-going war with Russia may have to be fought in future without significant support from the US.

'The war with Russia may have to be fought without US support'

IN SHORT, the US's days as the self-styled "defender of the free world" are over. There was talk in Ukraine last weekend that European countries will have to form a "coalition of the willing" whereby, in the short term, their funding for the war in Ukraine is substantially increased.

In the longer term, the European Union – supported by the UK and other key non-EU allies – may need to match its economic might with some form of military might too.

No European nation relishes war with Russia but most realise that inaction is not an option. As Leon Trotsky, the famous Russian revolutionary, once put it: "You may not be interested in war, but war is interested in you."

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Ann Widdecombe

Blame warring Tories for 'Starmergeddon'



I HAD a long but rather sad laugh at the weekend. One of the high circulation Sunday newspapers ran a two-page spread on the dangers of Reform producing a Labour landslide, referring to us as "Nigel's mob" and, seemingly unaware of the irony, stealing Richard Tice's description of a Labour government as "Starmergeddon". The article listed Tory seats under threat, identifying one as being fought by Nick Timothy, the former adviser to Theresa May, a history which one would scarcely expect to inspire confidence. The tone of the piece was that it would be terrible if Conservatives were to lose these seats.

The reason for my great belly laugh was that I had only to turn one page to read of yet more Tory plotting and infighting as the next leadership contest got under way.

Yes, that's right: bang in the middle of the election campaign itself the Tories are still navel-gazing and backstabbing and giving comments to the press such as "we don't owe Rishi anything". It simply defies belief.

It is not Reform which is a "mob" but the Conservative Party which has spent the last four-and-a-half years tearing itself apart, panicking at the drop of a hat, getting rid of Prime Ministers, bad-mouthing its own members to the media, failing on flagship policies such as Rwanda, clinging on to the EU as though it were a life raft instead of a torpedo, taxing the already struggling, losing control of crime, immigration and NHS queues and abandoning common sense in favour of woke.

It is not Reform which is handing Starmer a landslide but the Conservative Party itself.

Reform speaks the language the Tories used to speak, the one that won them election after election.

Matgaret Thatcher could never have won the huge majorities she got without a large section of ordinary, working Brits whom Labour took for granted.

REFORM is the party of low taxes and aspiration, which wants to reduce the size of an overblown state and allow Britain to be governed by its own government instead of by global bodies, quangos and civil servants with their own agendas.

That just about sums up the Conservative Party's approach in its long-gone heyday.

And to rediscover that philosophy, it will first have to rediscover itself and to do that it might need to go right back to the drawing board and start building itself all over again.

And if that happens, I am sure Nigel and Reform will be only too willing to lend a hand!

ONE reason for being grateful for a General Election right now is that at least the papers have to talk about something other than the Euros. I wish our team the very best of luck but I weary of the saturation coverage of big sporting events as... er... I am sure sports fans weary of the election!

Picture: MARK CUTHBERT/GETTY



Anne is the real trooper

AMIDST all the outpouring of public affection towards the King and Kate, my own eyes were drawn to Princess Anne at the Trooping the Colour.

While the other Royals were being cheered in the carriage procession, Anne was doing her duty on horseback, just as usual getting on with it without any fuss. On the balcony she stood on the end with her husband Timothy Laurence and the Duke of Kent but she is the rock on which they all stand.

Meanwhile I gave a wry smile when the Queen was only too obviously holding down her hat against the wind. It was a problem I never solved until, in my 60s, I grew my hair so long that I could put it up in a bun and affix any hat to it with pins. Perhaps that explains why Princess Anne has had the same updo throughout her life.

POLITICIANS ARE SITTING TARGETS WHEN DEMONSTRATORS AIM TO MAIM

IT IS always a bit worrying when people hurl things at politicians but most of us are quite used to it. I have had an egg thrown at me in, of all places, a church and I have been spat upon by screaming pro-abortion demonstrators. On one occasion, as I travelled in an open-top campaign vehicle, somebody threw something which really could have caused injury but I am not revealing what it was because most people carry one and I wouldn't like to give a yob an idea.

Our ancestors had it much worse than we do, being pelted with rotten tomatoes or ducked in ponds, and a tale was told in my family of when, before the war, my rather colourful grandfather chased the Liberal candidate down Fore Street in Saltash with a stick.

The only real worry is genuine violence but I know that my close friend, Sir David Amess, the MP who was murdered by an Islamic fundamentalist, would never have wanted what happened to him to have caused candidates to be less willing to go out among the voters.

It is only in totalitarian regimes that those in power stand apart.

No Minister, don't lump us together

WHEN I was sent as a minister to the Department of Employment back in the far-off days of John Major, I resolutely refused to be the Minister for Women. I would, I said, take that title only if there were also a Minister for Men!

How could being Minister for half the population carry much meaning? As far as I was



concerned if the policies were right they benefitted everyone: young, old, black, white, male, female, clever, stupid. I resisted and still do resist any notion of dividing up the nation into competing interest groups.

Of course, everybody falls into some category and it is right that Government should be aware of where it is failing certain groups and right that MPs should vigorously take up their cases but those interests should be served across government. So, no, I do not believe in a Minister for Older People as was postulated last week by Age UK, let alone a Minister for Loneliness.

There are nine million people over the age of 70 in the UK. Their interests need to be covered by the Department of Health, the Dept of Work and Pensions, the Treasury, the Dept of Transport and of course local government too. One minister will not do.

Furthermore, the needs of the elderly are disparate not homogenous. Some live on their state pension while others benefit from executive final salary schemes, with a wide range in between. Some are healthy, some are not. Some live alone, some with family and some in care. Some are mentally sound, others dementing. In short, the old have as great a variety of circumstances as the rest of the population and do not benefit from being lumped together.

I'm a little old lady but I do not require a Minister for Shorties, Oldies or Lassies.



Kelly's Eye

BY FERGUS KELLY

THERE was a series of typically amusing contributions from listeners on Ken Bruce's Greatest Hits Radio show last week, all ridiculing the automated switchboards now employed by pretty much every large business and organisation to keep the public at arm's length.

The endless numbered options you're given when your call is answered. Vivaldi's Four Seasons on a loop while you languish in an interminable queue. And, most teeth-grinding of all, the periodic robotic insincerity that "your call is important to us".

The sharp-witted mockery by Ken's listeners, of the means by which the corporate and bureaucratic worlds hide from their customers and users, echoed too the sarcastic laughter that greeted both Keir Starmer and Penny Mordaunt at different points last week during televised debates.

Starmer reacted with pink-faced pomposity to hilarity among the audience at yet another invoking of his poor late toolmaker father. Yet he knows full well that no one was making fun of his dad; they were laughing simply at his own leaden repetitiveness.

Mordaunt meanwhile was met with similarly head-shaking chuckles more than once, especially when Nigel Farage asked her why anyone should believe the Tories' latest migration pledges and she replied: "Because of the record of this Prime Minister!" The audience response was, you might say, the definition of mordant humour. The late Mike and Bernie Winters had easier nights front of house at the Glasgow Empire.

The derisive laughter that Starmer's and Mordaunt's comments provoked was this electorate's response to the mendacity of the main parties' campaigns. We see only too clearly through the pious contortions they all lamely attempt to prove they're just like the rest of us.

And we know full well that the moment this election is in the bag, we shall once more be kept at arm's length. Not least in the almost guaranteed event of a Labour victory.

That will usher in ever greater tiers of needless devolved institutions, quangos, and – most crucially – human rights legislation to nullify and overrule our elected representatives. A sort of automated switchboard for the nation. Leaving us always on hold, and still pretending: "Your call is important to us."

Hot Cole can fire-up Lions


Picture: GETTY

THAT England performance during our opening win over Serbia in the Euros embodied all the familiar shortcomings associated with Gareth Southgate's time as national coach. Start by pinging the ball around like Brazil and take an early lead. Then, run out of focus, possession – and breath, by the look of it. Our opponents become resurgent because, unlike us, they have a plan B.

Even the superlative Jude Bellingham can't do it on his own. I believe we possess another lethal weapon in one of Pep Guardiola's prodigies. Not Phil Foden, for whom an England shirt appears to have the same qualities as an invisibility cloak. But Cole Palmer, who Guardiola allowed to leave Manchester City for Chelsea. He's on form and fearless.

In my dreams, he emerges as England's latest star, acclaimed by headlines of "Goal King Cole". In my nightmares? Bellingham is provoked to follow in the red card footsteps of Beckham and Rooney, and it's goodbye at the quarter-final stage again.

HERE'S a couple more predictions. Of course Labour will win on July 4. But I'm unconvinced that the Conservative defeat will be quite as calamitous as painted.

Reform will get a seat or maybe two, but Farage won't win Clacton. Turnout will drop to around 60 per cent, or even lower – betraying the public's real verdict on this election.

Why the sudden Mystic Meg reincarnation? I'm out of the country for the next three weeks. By the time I return, we'll have a new government and new European champions, and I fear I won't celebrate the identity of either.

Here's one guaranteed bright spot: a heatwave will hit Britain the moment we fly out at the weekend, because it always does.

Enjoy that at least, and see you on July 17.

Hunt for teen Jay

By **Gerard Couzens**

POLICE searching for a missing British teenager in Tenerife said they were doing "everything they could" to find him.

Jay Slater, 19, was last heard from early on Monday, calling a pal to say he was lost, needed water and his phone battery was on just 1%.

Jay of Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, was on the island for a music festival and his last-known location was Teno Rural Park in the north west.

The Civil Guard in Tenerife said mountain rescuers, police and fire services were searching for Jay. They added: "Everything possible is being done to try to find the missing man."

One held on hit-run

By **Matthew Cooper**

A MAN aged 21 has been arrested on suspicion of killing a boy who was knocked down in a hit-and-run.

Keaton Slater, 12, was hit by a black BMW in Coventry on Friday. West Midlands Police believe there were four men in the car.

A spokesman said yesterday: "One of those is being treated as a witness, while another has been voluntarily interviewed and released under investigation.

"We believe the man in custody today was also in the car."

A hunt continues for the fourth man, named by police as Dolars Alexsanders, 21.

Missing kids safe

By **Paul Jeeves**

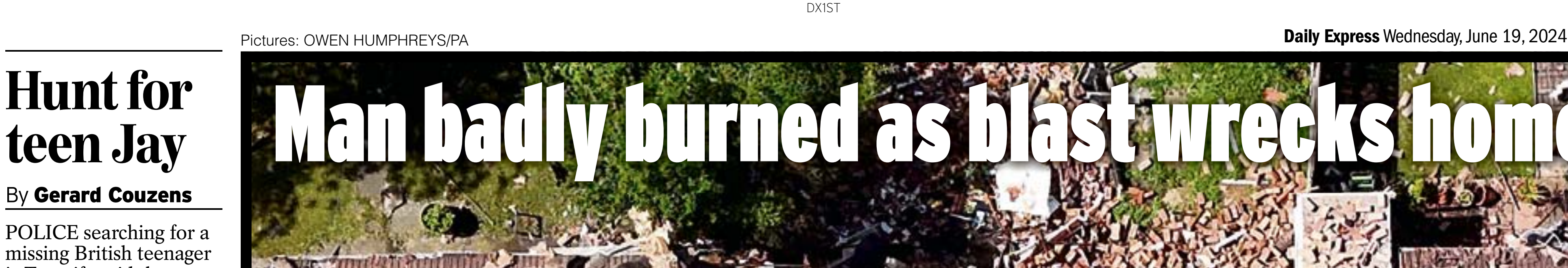
THREE children missing after a theme park visit have been found safe in London, police said.

A 14-year-old girl, Khandi, and two others, siblings Amelia, nine, and Malik, seven, had gone to Thorpe Park, near Chertsey, Surrey.

Surrey Police, who were alerted at 7pm on Monday, said the trio, who had travelled to the park from Milton Keynes, Bucks, were found in the capital yesterday.

Det Supt Trevor Struthers said: "Our officers and staff worked tirelessly to locate the three of them and we are all relieved that they have been found safe."

Pictures: OWEN HUMPHREYS/PA



Man badly burned as blast wrecks home



Devastation.. remains of razed home on Teesside

By **Georgia Banks**

A MAN with "severe burns" was flown to hospital after a blast blew apart this home yesterday.

Nearby houses were damaged by the lunchtime blast in Middlesbrough.

Roofer Kayfee Hameed, 45, said: "I saw the fire. I ran inside and I said 'Is anybody there?'. There were all rocks on his leg. I put him on my back and got him out."

Nearby resident Michael Clark said: "The man was screaming in the rubble."

Sean Joseph, who lives behind the property, said the scene was "carnage", adding: "I actually thought it was a plane crashing."

Ambulance staff said a man was airlifted to the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle with severe burns. An investigation has begun.

Evacuated residents have been allowed to return home.

Lineker 'breaks BBC rules' by wearing kit he advertises

By **Laura Harding**

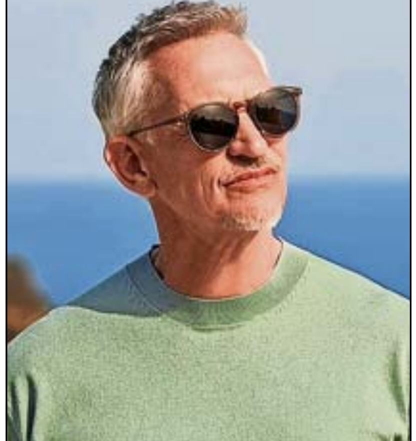
GARY Lineker appears to have fallen foul of BBC rules again by wearing clothes from his range for Next while covering the Euros.

The Match Of The Day host, 63, donned what looked like a T-shirt and jacket from the Next X Gary Lineker collection during England's opening game against Serbia.

BBC advertising guidelines state: "Presenters or other individuals must not appear on-air wearing clothing or using products or services which they have agreed/been contracted to promote, advertise or endorse or in which they have a specific financial interest."

Yesterday the broadcaster refused to comment on Lineker. A statement said: "Presenters provide their own wardrobe and are regularly reminded of the guidelines in relation to clothing, even if they are not doing proactive promotional work."

During Sunday evening's commentary on BBC1, an estimated 15 million viewers saw Gary in a sage-green T-shirt just like one in his Next range.





Snap...Lineker models his T-shirt on Next website and, right, on TV on Sunday

At half-time he added a jacket, also very like one in the collection.

On the Next website, the T-shirt is £16 while the linen-blend jacket is £55.

During the 2018 World Cup, Lineker promoted a TM Lewin shirt on Instagram that he wore on-air after becoming the face of the clothing brand.

The BBC acknowledged it breached guidelines but called it a "genuine mistake".

FAN IN COURT AFTER VIOLENCE IN GERMANY

By **Pat Hurst**

AN England football fan has been bailed by a court following trouble at Euro 2024 in Germany.

Gordon Thomas, 39, appeared at Manchester Magistrates' Court, where police applied for a Football Banning Order, stopping him from attending matches for three years.

Thomas, *below*, from Bolton, was stopped at Manchester Airport on Monday after flying back to the UK. His passport was seized.

It followed clashes between rival fans after England's 1-0 win over Serbia on Sunday. Thomas will appear in court on August 23.



Crush...fan James Haviland

10-year restraining order for Fern Britton's stalker

By **Paul Jeeves** Crime Editor

AN "obsessive" fan of Fern Britton has been banned from Cornwall for 10 years after a stalking campaign that included staying in her holiday cottage there.

James Haviland formed a "crush" on the This Morning star after spotting her while taking photos in the county in 2021, the court heard.

He sent her a bunch of Love Letter red roses with a card reading: "I think you are amazing", and a further note inside saying: "You are beautiful, keep safe, keep smiling."

Haviland, 63, then made an order for a bunch of Get Well Soon flowers costing £57 in June 2022 but he did not complete it. Then in June last year he sent flowers and a card saying "Well Done on Your Running".

It was followed a month later with flowers and a card saying: "Happy Birthday, hope you have a great day", signed "Jim" with a kiss.

Prosecutor Kerry Richardson said Fern made inquiries of the florist and was given Haviland's name.

She added: "In September of last year, her holiday cottage is let to a single male. Ms Britton popped to the holiday cottage to check the occupant is OK. On speaking to the occupant, who is Mr Haviland, she recognises his face. [She] sees the booking is the name of Jim Haviland that matches the card and flowers. As a result she reports the matter to the police."



Distress

Police and Fern later found Haviland had been sleeping in the loft room rather than the master bedroom and had placed a stool under an opened window which overlooked the TV star's home.

The prosecutor added: "Mr Haviland has stayed in the vicinity and in the same village in which Ms Britton resides on three separate occasions and he has stayed in north Cornwall on numerous occasions."

Police found a screenshot of Fern, 66, on his phone and a photo of her with another person cropped out. In a statement read to the court, the star, who did not attend, said: "I'd like him stopped before he does more."

Haviland, of Basingstoke, admitted stalking without causing fear, alarm or distress. At the town's magistrates' court he was handed a restraining order, a 12-month community order and 150 hours' unpaid work, and must pay a £114 victim surcharge and £85 costs.



Holiday cottage...TV presenter Fern

Family fury as Lawrence detectives face no charges

By **Paul Jeeves**

THE family of Stephen Lawrence reacted with anger on hearing that four retired detectives who ran the initial bungled investigation into the teenager's murder by racists will not face criminal charges.

A review by a senior CPS lawyer upheld a decision not to prosecute after a legal challenge by his parents and his pal Duwayne Brooks.

He was with Stephen, 18, when he was stabbed in 1993 in South-east London. It said there was insufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction.

Stephen's mother Baroness Doreen Lawrence, 71, called the decision "a new low" in how her family had been failed: "Everyone now accepts that institutional racism was at the heart of the first investigation and yet no consideration has been given to how it impacted the decision-making process.

"As things stand...not a single officer will ever be held responsible in any way shape or form."

Race murder... Stephen Lawrence

The decision lets DS Ian Crampton, DS Brian Weeden, DI Benjamin Bullock and DCS William Ilsley continue to draw full force pensions.

The CPS said it knew that the decision was extremely disappointing for Stephen's family and officials offered to meet them.

The initial investigation failed to bring anyone to justice despite four prime suspects being identified within 24 hours of the murder.






Review...from left, ex-detectives Weeden, Crampton, Ilsley and Bullock



In pain...Sr Ian McKellen

McKellen 'on mend' after fall

By **Mark Jefferies**

SIR Ian McKellen was in "good spirits" yesterday after falling off stage on Monday night.

The 85-year-old actor cried out "help me" after losing his footing in a fight scene in Player Kings at the West End's Noel Coward theatre, audience members said.

The theatre said Sir Ian has had a scan and that medics say he will "make a full recovery".

Last night Sir Ian said he is "hugely indebted" to NHS staff and is "looking forward to returning to work".

Shows have been cancelled up to and including today "so Ian can rest", the theatre said, adding: "Ian is in good spirits."



Outside court...singer

Justin in drink rap test snub

By **Chris Bucktin**

JUSTIN Timberlake three times refused a breath test when held on suspicion of drink driving in New York.

The singer, 43, was stopped by police in the early hours after allegedly ignoring a stop sign and failing to keep in his lane.

According to the criminal complaint, he claimed to have had just "one Martini" before refusing a Breathalyser three times. "His eyes were bloodshot and glassy," the report said.

He appeared at Sag Harbor Village Justice Court in The Hamptons – a summer haunt of the rich and famous.

His next court date is July 26.

Adele tells fan, 4, you're Someone Like Me!

By **Jan Disley**

SUPERSTAR Adele says Hello to her mini-me who came to her gig in a replica of one of her most iconic gowns.

The British singer, 36, was belting out When We Were Young when she spotted four year-old Valentina.

She was wearing a copy of the black-and-white Schiaparelli gown that Adele wore at the wedding of basketball star Anthony Davis in 2021, *pictured below.*

Adele knelt down to greet the little girl, saying, "Hi! I love your dress! Turn round, let's have a picture!"

She carried on singing throughout their chat – never missing a beat.

They then posed for a picture, with Adele putting her arm around the astonished youngster.

Footage of the moment in the Colosseum at Las Vegas's Caesars Palace, where Adele has a residency, has gone viral. Valentina's mum Alexis, from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, said: "The real MVP (most valuable player) here is my grandmother who sewed this at my daughter's request two days before the show!"

Transplant girl Florence gets a Taylor-made tonic

By **Ottilie Von Henning**



Fan-tastic...Florence with mum Stacey at concert and right, in her Taylor T-shirt

IT was no Cruel Summer for a girl who needs a lung transplant when she got a hot seat at her hero Taylor Swift's Eras Tour's 100th show.

Florence Bark, seven, who has graft-versus-host disease of the lungs, loves music and dancing, but her illness has made many experiences impossible.

However, one of her online followers nominated her to receive a VIP ticket being offered by training group Thrive to superstar Taylor Swift's show last week. And Thrive boss Sean Reddington, who had two tickets for "someone who truly deserves them", came up trumps.

Florence's mum Stacey, 34, husband Andrew, 36, and their oldest child Freddie, 10, went with her for her big day at Liverpool FC's Anfield stadium last week. Stacey, of Corby, Northamptonshire, said: "Sean said there were quite a few tears in the office after hearing Florence's story.

"Florence has spent the majority of the last two-and-a-half years in hospital. To see her have this experience meant everything. She called it a 'once in a life-time' experience."

Florence had a bone marrow transplant after being diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in 2022. But a month after she was declared free of cancer, she developed GvHD – where transplanted donor cells attack the recipient's tissues.

Stacey said: "Her lungs work at 30% capacity on a good day, but she now needs a lung transplant."

Stacey and Andrew have set up a foundation, Bemorefab, to raise donations for Florence and other children who are battling GvHD.

Letby baby 'not hurt by doctor's tube attempts'

By **Chris Riches**

THREE attempts by a doctor to insert a breathing tube into an extremely premature baby allegedly attacked by killer nurse Lucy Letby would "not have compromised" the newborn, a court heard yesterday.

Letby, 34, is accused of trying to kill the infant, Baby K, within two hours of her birth in February 2016 by displacing her breathing tube.

Prosecutors have told the court that after Baby K's condition suddenly worsened, consultant paediatrician Dr Ravi Jayaram caught Letby "virtually red-handed" standing over her "doing nothing", while monitor alarms failed to go off. They say Letby, *left*, moved breathing tubes on two other occasions during her shift at the Countess of Chester Hospital to give the false impression Baby K habitually dislodged her tube.

Consultant...Dr Ravi Jayaram

Yesterday, duty registrar Dr James Smith, who inserted the tube into the 1lb 8oz baby, said: "Any baby of 25 weeks is very small so it's a technically difficult intubation.

"It took three attempts. What I would say is my consultant was there the whole time. He had confidence in me and didn't feel the need to step in."

Ben Myers KC, defending Letby, asked if it was "standard" for intubation to need three attempts.

Dr Smith said it was, adding: "This is not something that would have compromised the baby."

The court heard Baby K died three days after being transferred to Wirral's Arrowe Park Hospital, though it is not claimed Letby caused her death.

Letby, of Hereford, has already been convicted of the murder of seven babies and the attempted murders of six more.

She denies the attempted murder of Baby K. The trial continues at Manchester Crown Court.

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Bubble and cheek of soap star chimps...

Bubble blast... chimps play in Sierra Leone

By **Saloni Mathur**

THESE cheeky chimps are getting up to some monkey business by blowing soap bubbles from their mouths.

The hilarious pictures show both adult and babies fascinated with the bubbles, made with safe non-toxic soap that can be ingested.

Renato Granieri, an Italian photographer living in London, captured the images at Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Activities

He said: "When I visit, I organise enrichment activities for the resident chimps. So, I bought a soap bubble gun for kids.

"Juveniles tend to enjoy the bubbles more than the adults.

"They competed to grab the biggest and best bubbles, catching them either with their mouth or hands, resembling, in my view, human behaviour.

"The activities are to stimulate the chimps."

Pictures: GETTY

Concern over calorie-laden supermarket dine-in deals

By **Josie Clarke**

ALMOST all "dine in" supermarket meal deals contain more than the Government's recommended limit of 600 calories per person for dinner, a study has revealed.

Some 93% of the offers exceeded the suggested limit, with the most extreme option containing 1,526 calories.

Researchers looked at dinner meal deals across three national supermarket chains, studying 85 items.

Study leader Dr Sheena Leek, senior lecturer in marketing at the University of Birmingham, said: "We are a very time-poor nation, and for those of us working long hours, reaching for a dine in or dinner meal deal can be an easy and cheap way to get a filling and hopefully tasty dinner, or provide an economical alternative to a date night.

"But what is healthy for our wallets is not necessarily healthy for our bodies, and our study has found that these dinner meal deal combinations, more often than not, exceed the Government guidance of dinner calorie content.

"The biggest difference in calorie content was caused by the inclusion of desserts and drinks.

"The dinner deals that had the smallest number of calories only included a main and side dish."

Stores advertise the deals as an affordable way to get a full meal, including a main, side dish, dessert and a drink.

'Preventing diabetes will save money'

By **Frances Millar**

EXPERTS have said the NHS should shift its diabetes focus "from crisis to preventative care" to reduce costs.

Billions of pounds are being spent on "potentially preventable complications" of the condition each year, researcher has shown.

Diabetes UK estimates 4.4 million people live with the condition. But 1.2 million may be undiagnosed with type 2. It is thought to have cost the NHS £10.7billion in 2021/22, up from £9.8billion in 2012.

Improvements

Most costs in 2012 were down to diabetes-related complications, such as kidney problems, but glycaemic control improvements cut this figure.

In 2021, £6.2billion was spent on "potentially preventable" issues. The rest went on GP appointments, eye screening, diagnosis, blood tests, medication and specialist teams.

Colette Marshall, of Diabetes UK, said: "Getting care right for people can save limbs, sight and lives.

"Shifting the dial from crisis to preventative care would help to reduce the harm from diabetes, allowing people with the condition to live well while, ultimately, reducing the cost to the health service."

Health fears...pregnancy

Mums in cardiac hangover

By **Ella Pickover**

WOMEN diagnosed with depression around the time they give birth have a higher chance of heart problems in later life.

The risk of heart disease and failure, and high blood pressure, rose for those with perinatal depression for 20 years afterwards.

Some 6.4% of 56,000 with depression had a cardiovascular disease diagnosis, compared to 3.7% of 546,000 without the condition.

Dr Emma Brann, from the Karolinska Institutet, Sweden, said this study may help those "at risk of cardiovascular disease so steps can be taken to reduce this".

'Major step forward' as blood test can predict Parkinson's years before any symptoms

By **Nina Massey**

A SIMPLE blood test could predict Parkinson's disease seven years before symptoms appear.

Researchers believe early diagnosis will help find treatments to slow or stop the condition before symptoms take hold.

The test uses artificial intelligence to predict the disease, which is caused by the death of nerve cells in the part of the brain that controls movement.

Tremors

When these cells die or become impaired, they lose the ability to create a chemical called dopamine.

People with Parkinson's are now treated with dopamine replacement therapy after they've developed symptoms such as tremors or slowness of movement.

Early treatment could potentially stop the cells dying in the first place.

Senior researcher Prof Kevin Mills, of UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, said: "As new therapies become available to treat Parkinson's, we need to diagnose patients before they have developed the symptoms.

"We cannot regrow our brain cells and therefore we need to protect those that we have.

"At present we are shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted and we need to start experimental treatments before patients develop symptoms."

The research used a branch of AI called machine learning, which looked for eight proteins in the blood whose concentrations are altered in patients with Parkinson's.

It provided diagnoses with 100% accuracy.

Blood from 72 patients with Rapid Eye Movement Behaviour Disorder (iRBD) was analysed as it is known that 75% to 80% of these people will go on to develop a synucleinopathy – a type of brain disorder caused by the abnormal build-up of a protein called alpha-synuclein in brain cells – including Parkinson's.

The patients were followed up over 10 years and researchers say the AI predictions have so far been correct. The team correctly forecast that 16 patients would go on to develop Parkinson's up to seven years before the onset of symptoms.

Researcher Dr Michael Bartl, of Germany's University Medical Centre Goettingen, alongside Dr Jenny Hallqvist, UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology, said: "By determining eight proteins in the blood, we can identify potential Parkinson's patients several years in advance.

"This means that drug therapies could potentially be given at an earlier stage, which could possibly slow down disease progression or even prevent it from occurring."

'It's a major step' ...Prof Dexter

With sufficient funding, it is hoped the test will be used by the NHS within two years.

According to Parkinson's UK, one in 37 people in Britain will be diagnosed with the disease. There are 153,000 people living with it.

Prof David Dexter, the charity's director of research, said: "This research, co-funded by us, represents a major step forward in the search for a definitive and patient-friendly diagnostic test.

Invasive

"Finding biological markers that can be identified and measured in the blood is much less invasive than a lumbar puncture, which is used more and more in clinical research."

The team, which published its findings in Nature Communications, is hoping to secure funding to create a simpler test where a drop of blood can be spotted on a card and posted to a lab.

Putin keeps it in the family with reshuffle

By **Mark Reynolds**

VLADIMIR Putin has sacked four deputy defence ministers and began filling the vacancies with his relatives.

The Russian tyrant went on the domestic warpath before heading to North Korea yesterday.



New role…Tsivileva

Anna Tsivileva – daughter of his late cousin – becomes a deputy defence minister. She will look after social and housing support for military personnel.

Her husband Sergei Tsivileva becomes Russia's energy minister.

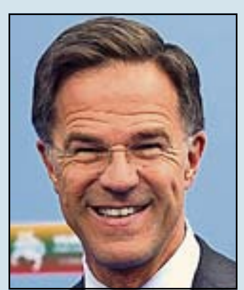
Putin's other hirings include Leonid Gornin, previously a finance minister, who also becomes a deputy defence minister along with Pavel Fradkov, son of ex PM Mikhail Fradkov. They will serve under defence minister Andrei Belousov, an economist by trade.

Ex-Dutch PM to get top job with Nato

By **Liz Perkins**

THE outgoing Dutch prime minister Mark Rutte is going to become Nato's new secretary general.

Hungary lifted its veto yesterday after Mr Rutte wrote guarantees that he would not force the country to take part in the alliance's plans to provide support to Ukraine.



Rutte…leading role

He is the preferred candidate of the majority of Nato allies, including big members such as the United States and Germany.

Earlier this year, Turkey voiced opposition to his bid but lifted its objections in April.

Former Defence Secretary Ben Wallace had previously indicated his interest in the role but in June of last year he said: "It's not going to happen." He added: "Maybe they want a prime minister."

Hit…smoke rises from the depot; firefighters, inset, battle the blaze

Oil depot hit by blaze in drone attack by Ukraine

By **Mark Reynolds**

A MAJOR Russian oil depot goes up in smoke after being hit by a Ukrainian drone attack.

Terrified residents were shaken in their beds by five fierce explosions during the strike on Azov port, near the border with Ukraine.

Video footage showed huge flames and smoke trails from the facility on the estuary of the Don River.

The intense fire after the drone strikes was the latest in a series of Ukrainian attacks hitting Russia's oil refining and storage facilities.

Earlier, Volodymyr Zelensky rounded on "Russian terror" after a missile attack on his country's Poltava region badly injured 22 civilians, including children.

Ukraine's president said: "Russia's aggression against our people does not stop for a single day. This is a just response to the Russian terror."

Scientists target weak spots in Russia's 'secret' weapons

By **Michael Knowles**

BRITISH scientists are pulling apart "top secret" Russian weapons systems to find out how to destroy them, a former Armed Forces minister revealed.

James Heappey said Russia's most advanced air defence system the S-400 had been one of the West's top "intelligence requirements".

One of them has been captured by Ukrainian forces and British scientists are now probing it, discovering all of its potential weaknesses.

Mr Heappey also warned that China, Iran and North Korea are giving Moscow their military technology to test it in battlefield situations. Mr Heappey said: "There's plenty in the maritime domain, in the air domain, that we haven't seen a ton of.

"And in the Northern Fleet, there's still something that we have not really dealt with.

"But in the land domain, things like the S-400, which was a top secret air defence system, a top secret intelligence requirement for the West two years ago – we've now got one that we've kind of taken apart and it's all been compromised. Ukraine is a battle lab for Nato and for the donor community. But so too is Ukraine a battle lab for North Korea, China and Iran."

Western sanctions on the Russian economy have crippled the Kremlin's industrial base – though there are concerns they've not gone far enough.

Vladimir Putin has become increasingly reliant on Chinese, North Korean and Iranian weapons to sustain his military assault on Ukraine.

Mr Heappey said representatives from Beijing were likely trying to learn from Russia's military mistakes. He said: "I wouldn't be at all surprised if Chinese staff officers were in Russian headquarters.

"People say that the People's Liberation Army might generate all the mass, but it has no war fighting nous.

"Well, maybe China is kind of putting itself into Russian HQ in order to gain some of that war fighting experience."

Weapons plans… James Heappey

Pictures: MATT WINKELMEYER/GETTY



Battling illness...Celine

Celine in tears at premiere

By **Tara Fair**

CELINE Dion was overcome with emotion when fans lauded the singer at the premiere of her poignant film.

The tearful star was handed a tissue at the New York screening of I Am: Celine Dion, which documents her battle against stiff person syndrome.

Celine, 56, whose hits include My Heart Will Go On, told fans: "This movie is my love letter to each of you."

The singer said she had SPS, which causes muscular stiffness and spasms, in December 2022, when she axed her Courage World Tour.

The documentary will be shown on Prime Video next Tuesday.

Sharon is roaring bike to Basics...

Rev carpet... Sharon; Jodie left; Cher with Alexander

By **Jan Disley**

SHARON Stone looked like a big cat that got the cream as she wore leopard print from top to toe at The Bikeriders premiere.

Basic Instinct star Sharon, 66, happily posed on a motorbike at LA's TCL Chinese Theatre and smiled as she hugged TV host pal Sharon Osbourne, 71, right.

The film tracks the rise of Chicago riders' club the Vandals and star Jodie Comer, 31, donned biker chic of a leather dress and gold chain.

Singer Cher, 78, and record boss boyfriend Alexander Edwards, 38, both wore black leathers. The film also stars Tom Hardy and Austin Butler. It opens in the UK on Friday.



Touring...Shania Twain

A Shania Train is on its way

By **Isobel Williams**

GREAT Western Railway has unveiled a new train honouring singing superstar Shania Twain.

The "Shania Train" was launched at London Paddington ahead of the Canadian star's performances across Britain this summer.

GWR came up with the idea after radio host Nick Grimshaw interviewed Shania, 58, who said she was delighted there was a "Shania Train" in Switzerland, prompting him to suggest there should be one in Britain.

Nick, 39, said: "It is actually on. The Shania Train is going to exist in the UK. I cannot believe my brain has created an actual train."

Shirley: Giovanni is a perfect gentleman ...truth will come out

By **Tom Bryant**

STRICTLY judge Shirley Ballas has backed under-fire Giovanni Pernice after bullying allegations against the professional dancer.

The Italian star has quit the BBC show and bosses are investigating the claims made against him.

But Shirley, 63, said: "He has always been to me, and I will make that clear, to me, a perfect gentleman.

"My feeling for Giovanni is, let them do this investigation or whatever it is they are doing and the truth will come out.

"I have never, ever experienced any ill will or bad feeling or bad sportsmanship or rudeness from him.

"You know, I can only talk from my own perspective. I have known Giovanni for 10 years. I know he is a hard worker. He wants the people to do the very best that they can do.

"Obviously in my life, I was bullied a lot. I don't condone bullying on any path. But also I don't believe gossip and what you read in the newspapers because things get escalated and they are blown out of all proportion and it can turn into a great big snowball.

"So we don't judge anybody until I know absolutely 100%. I won't pass on the gossip unless I know 100% it is true. He will be missed." Shirley praised the Italian for being kind to her mother Audrey when she was diagnosed with cancer.

She added: "My mother loves him. It does not matter when he is on tour, or where he is or what he is doing.

Investigation

"He will make his way across and he will say, 'Lovely to see you, Shirley. Lovely to see your mum.'

"I have got so many beautiful pictures, of the times that he spent, particularly when my mum was poorly, and he reached out." Claims about Giovanni's behaviour were made by actress Amanda Abbington, who was partnered with him on the show last year. She quit in October.

Giovanni denies any allegations of bullying or abusive behaviour.

This week, he dismissed the claims about his behaviour as "simply false".

The dancer said: "I am co-operating fully with the ongoing BBC investigation, which will determine the truth.

"As requested, I have stayed silent, but I am looking forward to the conclusion of the investigation and ultimately clearing my name."



Pals...Shirley Ballas with Giovanni

Mortgage broker '£300k in debt paid up wife's life insurance before murder'

By **Paul Jeeves** Crime Editor

Pictures: TERRY HARRIS



Accused...Robert Hammond, and the home he shared with wife Sian, 46, inset below

A MORTGAGE broker struggling under a £300,000 "mountain of debt" strangled his wife just days after bringing her life insurance policy payments up to date, a jury heard.

Robert Hammond, 47, is alleged to have murdered Sian in order to pocket a £450,000 "prize" whilst under crippling "financial pressures".

He dialled 999 just before 2am on October 30 last year claiming to have found his wife face down on the bed and not breathing.

Christopher Paxton KC told Cambridge Crown Court that Sian, 46, was pronounced dead by medics who attended the family home in Histon, Cambridgeshire.

The barrister said that a post-mortem examination established she had been strangled and sustained other injuries including an intimate one.

The court was told the father-of-two, who ran a business called Hammond Mortgage Services, owed around £200,000 to Legal and General. An agent pursuing the debt phoned him on October 30 and was told about the death during which Hammond revealed they had been getting divorced.

But the prosecutor said the defendant's case is that they were happily married.

Mr Paxton said Hammond spoke to the agent again on November 3 and inquired "if he was able to pay off the debt quicker, as he would be having life insurance paid to him". He said: "Sian had been dead barely a week and this was the defendant's focus – he had eyes on the prize of Sian's life insurance pay-off."

The jury heard Hammond brought his wife's life insurance policy up to date on October 26 and the following day requested a debt recovery agent "call him on that Monday, suggesting something may have changed by then". Mr Paxton added: "We say the defendant saw Sian Hammond's death as his way out of the crisis of debt that he was in.

"Only he truly knows why he acted as he did when he took her life but you will hear that he faced a surging mountain of debt.

"How he told lies to fend off those seeking payment, including that he had cancer when he did not, and how in the days leading up to the killing of his wife he had paid one month's arrears on their life insurance policies." Mr Paxton said the couple's two teenage children were away that weekend. Hammond claims the pair had sex before he went downstairs as his wife went to sleep. He went to bed at 2am and found her unresponsive.

In the emergency call the defendant was told to perform CPR and claimed he was doing so, but a paramedic who attended "formed the view no CPR had been carried out".

The trial continues.

Petri dish of the day by 2054

By **Josie Clarke**

LAB-grown burgers and cricket salads will be everyday meals within 30 years, boffins say.

Meat cultured from animal tissues has the potential to reduce land use, emissions and water consumption, said researchers from the University of York's FixOurFood programme.

And their report for Co-op said we will consume a wider range of insect proteins, such as from termites, crickets and locusts.

Bob Doherty, director of FixOurFood, said: "By 2054, British people will have edible insects on their dinner plate.

"As climate change continues to impact our planet, we'll also see a shift towards locally grown produce. We may even see the introduction of 3D-printed food."

Co-op's Responsible Retailing Report found that 72% of consumers are increasingly worried about sustainable and ethical food – driven by climate change, animal welfare, pollution and fair pay for workers.

Otters hit by toxins in rivers

By **Tara Fair**

OTTERS are being poisoned with "forever chemicals" found in UK rivers, experts said.

The animals are even ingesting substances that were banned years ago but have not dispersed.

Dozens of dead otters were tested by Cardiff University, which found they were contaminated with synthetic compounds known as PFAS – or "forever chemicals".

Researcher Emily O'Rourke said: "PFAS chemicals often enter the environment via wastewater from industry, as well as run-off from sewage, landfill and PFAS-based firefighting foam."

In one instance they found high levels of the PFAS known as PFOA in otters near a factory – 12 years after the company stopped using the chemical due to its ban.

Ms O'Rourke said: "As otters are predators, they can accumulate PFAS chemicals through diet, making them indicators of environmental contamination."

Oil Brit's suicide after he kills star wife following texts row

By **Ruth Suter**



Shot down ...Victoria Blyth, 40, and her husband David, 53, who killed her then took his own life

A BRITISH oil-drilling boss has shot dead his celebrity wife in a murder-suicide following an alleged row about her text messages.

David Thomas Blyth, 53, gunned down singer and comedian Victoria Blyth, 40, at their home before turning the weapon on himself.

The couple's three children, aged 14, 10 and four, were reportedly in the property in Ankara, Turkey, at the time of the shooting on June 11 and are being cared for by their mother's relatives.

Victoria found fame in the Czech Republic – where she lived as a young woman – following the release of her first album Killing Me Softly 20 years ago. Tributes have been pouring in for the star – described by her sister Alexandra as "the sunshine of our lives who brought us so much joy, with her laughter, positive spirit, drive and energy". Alexandra added in an Instagram post: "My family is going through a very difficult time because they lost both parents. We recently buried our father and now our sister and brother-in-law and we need time to recover, but most of all we need to be here for the children. We really appreciate your beautiful messages, but in these difficult times we need time to breathe."

It is believed that David, originally from Edinburgh, killed his wife in an argument over her texts. They wed in 2014 and lived in Prague before moving to Turkey for his work.

He was the owner of international company ASG Inspection, an independent oil and gas inspection provider. Before their move to Turkey, Victoria, who hosted shows for Europe 2 radio, told an interviewer: "The children are growing up and they need a father.

"We must consider all options for the sake of the children."

Exercise is a leg up for older folk

By **Tara Fair**

LIFTING heavy weights at retirement age could preserve leg strength for years, research suggests.

Researchers asked 451 people with an average age of 67 to do varying amounts of activity for a year. One group had heavy resistance training – lifting weights – three times a week. Another did moderate intensity training while the third did no extra exercise.

After four years those in the weights group had maintained their leg strength, while the others lost strength.

Faltering leg strength is a strong predictor of death in elderly people, said the researchers from Copenhagen University.

They wrote in the journal BMJ Open Sport and Exercise Medicine: "Our results provide means for practitioners and policy-makers to encourage older individuals to engage in heavy resistance training."

Body fat stayed the same except for those in the no exercise group, who saw an increase.

Dad 'killed by car' in family feud

By **Dave Higgens**

A MAN was killed as he tried to help a stranger lying in the street after a car was used "as a weapon" to run over a number of people, a court heard yesterday.

Chris Marriott, 46, was helping Nafeesa Jhangur when he was hit by a car driven by her brother Hassan Jhangur, 24, it was said.

He hit five people when he ploughed into them in College Court, Sheffield, before getting out of the vehicle and attacking another man with a knife, leaving him with serious injuries, the jury was told.

Sheffield Crown Court heard the background to the incident on December 27 was a wedding feud between two families.

Jhangur, of Sheffield, denies the murder and manslaughter of father-of-two Mr Marriott.

The jury was told he has pleaded guilty to causing Mr Marriott's death by dangerous driving. The trial continues.



Tycoon's lover wins court fight over his £6.4m will

Will...Sheila Caruana and Alan Lorenz

THE younger lover of a health drinks tycoon has beaten his three siblings in a bitter High Court fight over his £6.4million will.

Alan Lorenz gave up a law career to sell weight-loss shakes through nutritional supplements group Herbalife, which spread to more than 90 countries.

He died in 2021 at 78, leaving his money to Sheila Caruana, 58 – they had just entered a civil partnership.

But siblings Robert, 80, Anthony, 76, and Vanessa, 79, sought a share claiming Ms Caruana had failed to honour a promise to their brother that if he left her his estate she would then "do right" by his family.

They said he left her the money as he hated paying tax and her younger age made it a tax-efficient way of passing on his fortune.

However, her lawyers said courts cannot enforce "moral obligations" and judge Mrs Justice Joanna Smith rejected the case, meaning Ms Caruana keeps it all.

The London court heard that Charterhouse-educated Mr Lorenz

By **Paul Keogh**

died a multi-millionaire. Herbalife is a "direct-selling" firm, founded in the US in 1980, that denied claims of having a "pyramid"-type sales structure. It paid £157million as part of a 2016 settlement of a US Federal Trade Commission case.

Mr Lorenz began a relationship with Herbalife member Ms Caruana around 2012 and in 2020 remade his will to leave everything to her.

Richard Dew, barrister for Robert Lorenz who brought the claim backed by his siblings, said Alan Lorenz had "a history of aggressive tax avoidance and indeed an abhorrence of paying tax".

The reason he had left everything to Ms Caruana – whereas previous wills shared his fortune with his siblings as well – was to avoid the family having to pay tax, he said.



Losing out...Anthony, Vanessa and Robert are entitled to nothing in brother's will

Mr Dew claimed she failed to comply with the "obligation" on her, imposed as part of a "secret trust," to share the money with the three siblings who had stood to benefit from previous wills.

Robert Lorenz said he had spoken to Alan who assured him Ms Caruana "would give half the estate to the family so we would not have to pay inheritance tax".

Penelope Reed KC for Ms Caruana said the claim had "no prospect of success" as there was insufficient evidence of any legally binding agreement: "There was no discussion of a trust being imposed, let alone who the beneficiaries should be.

"It couldn't be clearer...his intention was to leave everything to Sheila. Then it is for her to make gifts to members of Alan's family.

"There is no binding obligation on Sheila. It is not for the court to enforce moral obligations."

The case was dismissed.

Joey Barton pays £75,000 damages to Jeremy Vine

But former ace faces more action over slurs on radio host

FORMER Premier League ace Joey Barton has paid Jeremy Vine £75,000 in damages over defamatory online posts in which he falsely accused the BBC host of being "a bike nonce".

But Mr Vine said the sum "is not the final outcome", claiming Barton faces paying further substantial damages plus spiralling legal costs.

Mr Vine took legal action alleging that Barton, 41, branded him a paedophile and linked him to Rolf Harris and Jeffrey Epstein in a "calculated and sustained" online attack.

The Radio 2 and Channel 5 host sued the former Manchester City star for libel and harassment at the High Court over posts Barton had made to his 2.8 million followers on X.

Avid cyclist Mr Vine, 59, said he was then deluged with slurs by other users.

By **Paul Jeeves** Crime Editor

Barton argued he was "making fun" of Mr Vine with "vulgar abuse" and no one would genuinely think he was calling the presenter a paedophile.

But yesterday he said he had agreed to pay substantial damages to Mr Vine plus legal costs in an apparent bid to end the case. Mr Vine said it is ongoing, with costs set to top £100,000.

He said: "After five defamatory tweets, my lawyer offered Barton a chance to settle: pay £75k plus my costs and make an apology. He ignored that offer and posted more disgusting tweets. When I then took my case to the High Court, a judge ruled that TEN of the tweets I complained of were defamatory.

"Having lost, Barton has returned to the offer we made after tweet 5. There has therefore been a parallel action on tweets 6-10 and Barton will pay further damages. Other steps – including statements made in court by way of apology – are still to be taken, and Barton has agreed to pay my legal costs."

Sum...Mr Vine, left, and Joey Barton

Barton said he was quitting social media after admitting culpability.

He wrote: "I published 11 posts which accused Jeremy Vine of having a sexual interest in children, and created a hashtag which made the same allegations, which were viewed millions of times. I recognise this is a very serious allegation. It is untrue."

He also apologised for fake claims he made about Mr Vine having advocated forced Covid vaccination.

Mr Vine's barrister Gervase de Wilde said earlier that the abuse had begun after Mr Vine queried comments made by Barton about women in football towards the end of last year.

Barton faces a criminal trial over an alleged assault on his wife Georgia in a drunken row outside their London home in June 2021.

30-SECOND CHALLENGE

JUST follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given to reach an answer at the end of the row. Set your own 30-second challenge. For the very young or arithmetically rusty, you have 30 seconds for the BEGINNER task.

For a greater challenge, try BEGINNER and INTERMEDIATE in 30 seconds. True mental gymnasts should try INTERMEDIATE and ADVANCED in 30 seconds together.

Today's answers can be found in the puzzles pullout

									YOUR ANSWERS
Beginner	49	TAKE THE SQUARE ROOT	+29	x2	-58	6/7 OF THIS	+36	50% OF THIS	+28	
Intermediate	156	+48	75% OF THIS	-78	REVERSE THE DIGITS	x6	-48	4/7 OF THIS	-129	
Advanced	568	7/8 OF THIS	+32	TAKE THE SQUARE ROOT	-8	x17	INCREASE BY 40%	+159	÷12	

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SATURDAY, JUNE 15
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The society benefiting from all draws in the month ending June 30, 2024, is LEW Health CIC T/A HL London West.

PHONE POLL RESULTS

We asked in our poll on Monday:
Would a Labour Government leave you worse off?

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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Cud it be? Rolex eaten by 1970s cow is found

By **Adam Dutton**

A METAL detectorist has found a farmer's Rolex watch 50 years after it was eaten by a cow.

James Steele, 95, lost the timepiece when the strap broke while he tended his cattle in the 1970s.

It is thought one of his animals may have swallowed the watch which ended up in a cowpat.

He searched the field at his dairy farm in Morda, Oswestry, Shropshire, but there was no sign of it.

But half-a-century later he has been reunited with the Rolex after metal detectorist Liam King found it buried in mud.

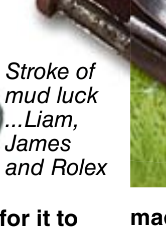
James, who owns Treflach Hall, said: "The vet said the cow could have eaten it with grass. It was an amazing stroke of luck for it to turn up again after all this time lost in the earth.

"I never thought I would see the watch again. I only have half the bracelet because the other half must have disintegrated.

"Unfortunately it is not working. The face has gone a greenish colour but it has not rusted up. It shows how well made it was to survive 50 years under a field. I'm most grateful to Liam. I'm not going to bother getting the Rolex fixed.

"It'd cost a bomb to repair but it'll make a lovely keepsake."

Son Andrew, who also runs the farm, said: "I told Liam he could come on to the land to look for coins. He didn't find any – but he found my dad's watch."



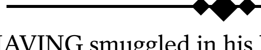
Stroke of mud luck ...Liam, James and Rolex

HICKEY



WEST End veteran Nigel Havers, *pictured*, takes a surprising swipe at London theatre audiences.

Months after starring in Private Lives at the capital's Ambassadors Theatre, and back for his annual pantomime run at the London Palladium this Christmas, Havers remarks: "Over the years I've toured a lot. I always found the audiences on the road are so magnificent. So much nicer than anything in the West End."



MEANWHILE, following alarming news Sir Ian McKellen fell off the stage at London's Noël Coward Theatre, Havers affectionately recalls starring alongside the great man when cast in his "first big professional job" back in 1969.

"We did Shakespeare's Richard II and Marlowe's Edward II...I was the most junior member of the company and he [McKellen] could not have been kinder and nicer," Nigel remembers on Radio 4's Today.

"He's really the reason I'm an actor in many ways."



HAVING smuggled in his bagpipes for Scotland's first Euro 2024 match against Germany, former spin doctor Alastair Campbell now explains: "I was with friends and I said, 'If Scotland score, I'll get the pipes out and play them."

While the Scots were sadly thumped 5-1, Campbell cheerfully adds on the Rest Is Politics: "Scotland scored, an own goal by a German player, whilst losing 4-0...I nonetheless did get the bagpipes out."

Fingers crossed Alastair has more musical opportunities when Scotland take on Switzerland tonight.

THOUGH the Tories continue to struggle in the polls, one of the party's most colourful figures appears particularly merry.

Sir Michael Fabricant, a Conservative MP since 1992, is spending much of his time campaigning in hostelries across his Lichfield constituency, enthusing: "It's a sort of pub crawl, combining good beer and wine and meeting the constituents!"

Michael's dedication to this task shouldn't be underestimated.

NOW made a Dame in the King's Birthday Honours, Crown star Imelda Staunton had been filming scenes as the late Queen on the day of the real monarch's passing.



"I was inconsolable," Imelda, *pictured in the role*, revealed. "I think I was fuelled by living with her for so long."

ALMOST 35 years since making his Coronation Street debut as Steve McDonald, actor Simon Gregson, soon turning 50, mischievously reflects: "No, I didn't think I would be here 35 years later. Thank goodness I am, because the mortgage still needs paying."

COMEDY legend Eric Idle philosophically announces: "I am rich in many more ways than boring money. Experience, children, wives, lovers and friends."

The same Mr Idle made headlines in February fuming about "having to work at 80", blaming his old comedy troupe Monty Python's "disaster" finances. Heartening to see him now looking on the bright side!

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From cute kittens to wildcats



By **Dean Murray**

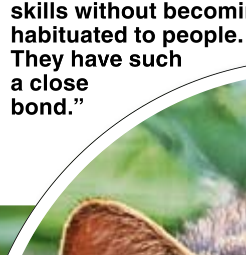
THESE wildcat kittens are helping ensure the future of one of the rarest UK mammals.

Four were born nine weeks ago in a non-public breeding enclosure at Wildwood Trust wildlife park near Canterbury, Kent to parents Talla and Blair.

Fewer than 300 European wildcats survive in the Scottish Highlands so the species is considered functionally extinct – and rarer than giant pandas.

Adults can grow up to 22lb and 16in high at the shoulder. It is the last native cat species in Britain but the return of more to the wild will help restore the ecosystem by controlling prey animals such as rodents.

Sally Holt, trust head of small mammals, said the enclosure's quieter environment "will help the kittens develop key survival skills without becoming habituated to people. They have such a close bond."







Pawsome... rare wildcat kittens love bonding

Parents buying homes near grandparents to ease cost of childcare

Families 'trapped' by needing free help

By **Frances Millar**

MORE than half of parents feel trapped into living near their own mums and dads as childcare is so costly, research has revealed.

The average family relies on 468 hours of grandparent support a year – worth about £4,633 in free childcare.

Zoopla's study of over 2,000 UK mums and dads with children under the age of 13 found they are stuck in a "parent trap".

Some 50% live less than five miles from their child's nearest grandparent, while 68% live within 30 minutes.

More than half (57%) rely on support from at least one grandparent, rising to 72% for those living within 30 minutes.

Honest

The study found 52% of parents feel they have no choice but to live near their children's grandparents as childcare costs continue to rise.

Over half (52%) say they feel "trapped", with 36% saying they needed their own parents because professional childcare is too expensive.

Nursery costs now top the average UK monthly mortgage repayment, recent figures show.

Because they rely on free help from their own parents, mums and dads with young children feel they cannot have the home of their dreams, the study shows.



Staying close... parents of young children rely on their own mums and dads for free childcare

Four in 10 (44%) say they are unable to move to a bigger home, 24% say they can't move to a different area, and 29% say they can't get on the housing ladder.

The average family relies on nine hours' grandparent support every week, equating to 468 hours a year, worth £4,633.20. Parents say they would need to up their personal incomes by £8,055 a year to be able to forgo free childcare, the study found.

Seven miles is the optimum distance to live from the child's grandparents, said UK mums and dads in the survey.

Daniel Copley, of Zoopla, said: "As a parent, I know how expensive childcare can be and how valuable family support is.

"My advice would be to have open and honest conversations with grandparents about the support they are prepared to offer, and how far they would be willing to travel."

The man with a birds-eye view of the world below

Photographer Donn Delson's unforgettable aerial images typically sell for thousands of pounds apiece. As he shoots London, he takes the Daily Express for a helicopter ride to remember...









HEIGHTS: clockwise from above; Pinball, Coney Island, New York; On The Green, Israel; Yin Yang, Hawaii; Cascade, Japan; Fan Dance, San Francisco



EXCLUSIVE

By **Dominic Bliss**

DONN Delson's feet are dangling in the air, hundreds of feet above the Royal Albert Hall. Leaning out of the open helicopter door, he focuses his camera lens on the domed roof of this famous Victorian building and clicks the shutter.

Then, suddenly, the pilot banks sharply, so that Delson hangs even further out of the helicopter. Sitting on the rear seat alongside him, I also lurch to the right, with a sudden rush of vertigo and a blast of cool spring air.

Fortunately we are both securely strapped in by seatbelts. Delson has an extra harness, just in case he should accidentally slip out of the open door.

After taking off from London Heliport, in Battersea, beside the River Thames, (Tom Cruise passes us later after we land, jumping into the pilot's seat of his own matt-black chopper), we fly east, above other instantly recognisable landmarks such as the British Museum, the BT Tower, King's Cross station and the vast skyscrapers of the City of London. Ten minutes later, we are hovering close to Canary Wharf, clearly visible from the Daily Express offices, at their home in the skyscraper known as One Canada Square. From here, we head further east towards City Airport.

Delson, 75, originally from New Jersey but now living in California, is one of the world's leading aerial photographers.

Over the past 10 years he has spent around 300 hours hovering in the skies above the United States, Japan, the Netherlands, Italy, Israel and the Bahamas. Today is his second series of flights over London.

"London is such an amazing city, with the mix of buildings and architecture you can see from above," he tells the Daily Express. "I get lost in what I'm looking at. Sometimes I have to remind myself to press the button and take the photos." Using helicopters with open doors, Delson specialises in capturing images of the landscapes and cityscapes he flies over. In his time he has photographed islands, mountains, coastlines and city skylines, all with an arresting perspective thanks to the high altitude he views them from.

FROM hundreds of feet up, mundane sights often take on new meanings. In his pictures, a row of parked lorry containers becomes a xylophone, for example; a fairground looks just like a pinball machine; boats bobbing on the sea resemble confetti; a sewage plant becomes a row of record turntables; parasols on the beach pass for the video game Space Invaders.

As a younger man, Delson worked in the film industry, marketing blockbusters such as Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back and Alien. Later he helped musicians such as Billy Joel, Rihanna and Sheryl Crow with merchandising and licensing. But it was in 2015, long after he had retired from the entertainment industry, and while on holiday in New Zealand that Delson captured his first photos from the air.

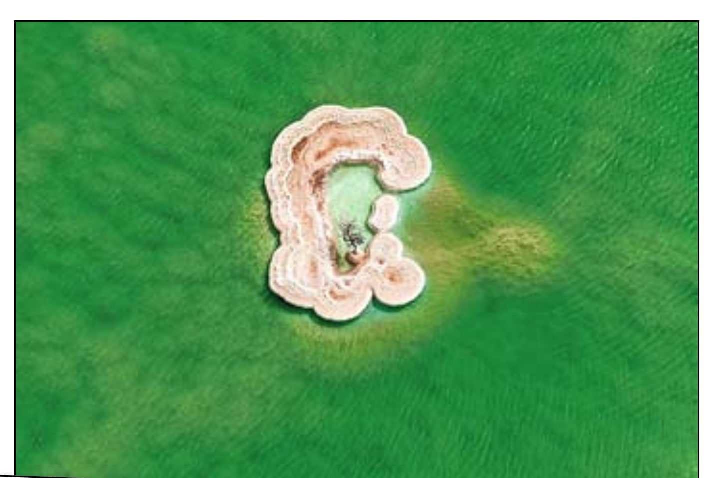
He and his wife had been enjoying a helicopter flight above a glacier in The Remarkables mountain range on South Island when the pilot suggested opening the doors so Delson could lean out for a few shots.

"The pilot said, 'You seem to know what you're doing'," the American photographer remembers. "My wife wasn't too happy but I leapt at the chance. But before that, I was into landscape photography. Aerial photography never would have occurred to me."

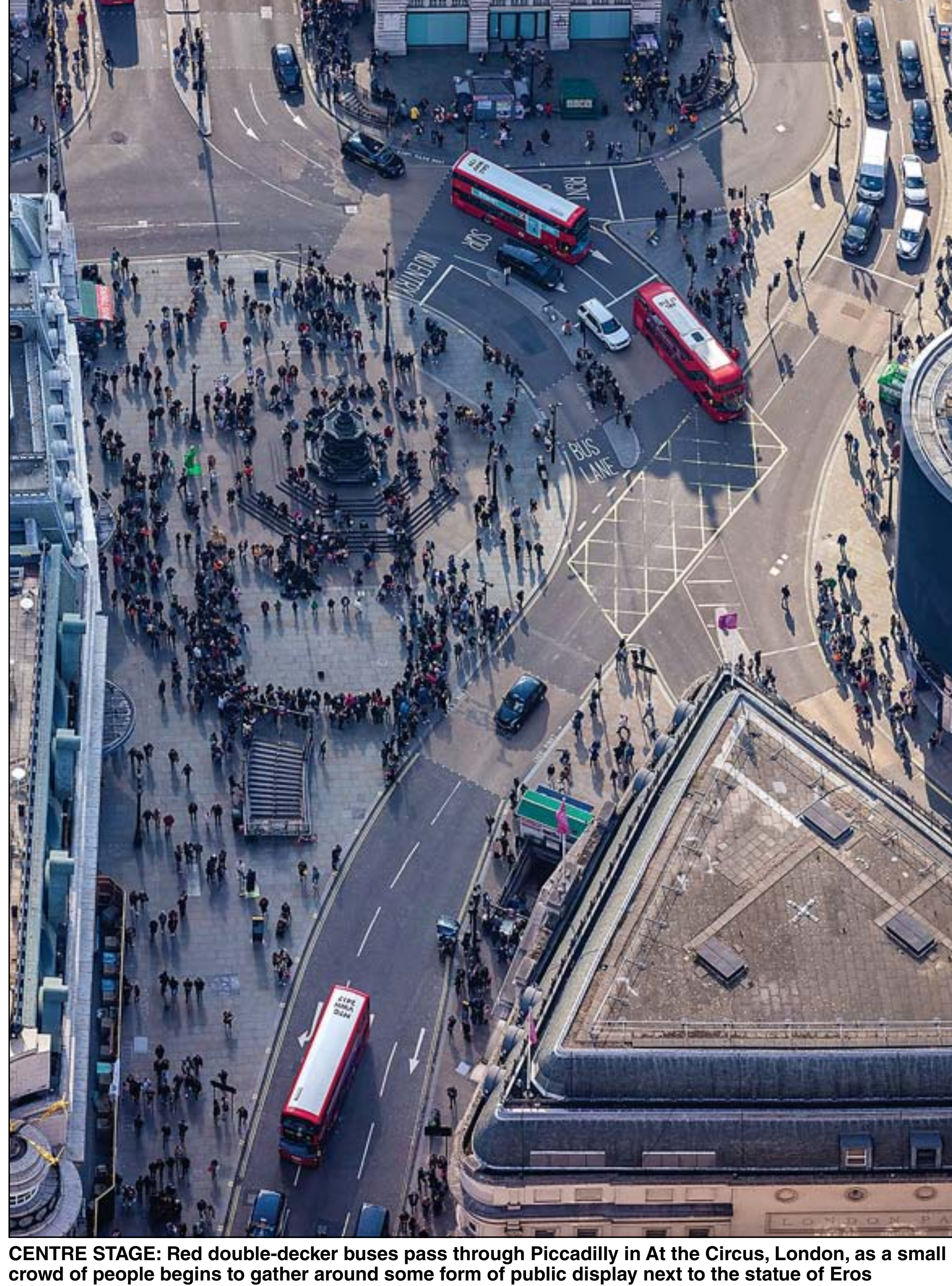
A decade on, and Delson now sells large-scale limited-edition prints of his photos for thousands of dollars each – fairly reasonable when you consider that helicopters can cost up to $1,000 an hour to hire.

To date he has earned almost a million dol-









CENTRE STAGE: Red double-decker buses pass through Piccadilly in At the Circus, London, as a small crowd of people begins to gather around some form of public display next to the statue of Eros



OPEN DOOR POLICY: Donn Delson, 75, takes in the London skyline

lars for his work. Despite nearly 10 years in the air, and more than 40 flights in all, Delson insists many of his best photos are down to pure chance. Hundreds of feet up, the wind, the turbulence and the shuddering of the rotor blades can all affect his work.

"What I do is very serendipitous," he admits. "I might be up in the helicopter for two hours and get no photos because nothing excites me. But it doesn't matter. Photography teaches me to live in the moment."

Nonetheless, when he does spot something he wants to photograph, it makes all those hours of flying worthwhile.

"If it changes the way I breathe, then I know it's going to be a picture worth spending time with," he says of his best work.

Inevitably, unmanned drones with cameras have revolutionised the way many aerial photographers work, costing far less to run than helicopters. Delson cannot bring himself to use them, however, preferring the human touch. "I need to feel it and see it," he says of the vistas he photographs.

"You need the human interaction with the photo to make it artistic. I have to get excited about it to feel it's telling me something or there's a message to share."

In a helicopter, legally he can also fly much higher than he could with a drone. "I go to 12,000 feet, which means my perspective is very different," he adds. Delson says he'd love dearly to photograph more of the UK. The Cotswolds, the Highlands of Scotland and Edinburgh are all on his bucket list.

BUT most of all he'd love to fly in the skies above India. "The colours of India are amazing," he explains. "I'm not sure if I'd be allowed to fly over the Taj Mahal and I've never been to Mumbai."

Meanwhile, back in the skies above London, Delson is now snapping photos of The O2, with its vast, white fabric dome and its 12 yellow support struts. Our helicopter turns west, back along the Thames, past Tower Bridge, The Shard, London Eye and then Battersea Power Station.

Finally, after a 25-minute flight, we land back at London Heliport where Delson examines his latest photos.

Despite being in his mid-70s, he is full of energy, both physical and mental, and his enthusiasm for his metier is infectious.

This is his third flight of the morning and his colleagues are concerned he's pushing himself too hard.

"I can't slow down. I wouldn't want to slow down," he insists, buzzing with adrenalin from the flight.

"I still work out in the gym with a trainer. I'm physically stronger now than when I was 40. I'm 75 and I have to take advantage of the time I have."

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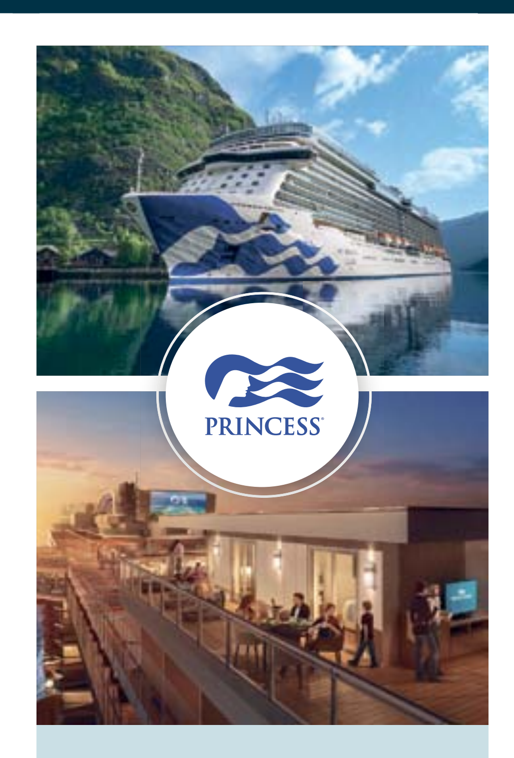
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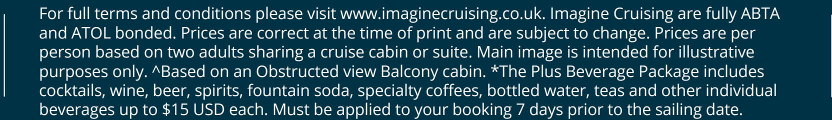
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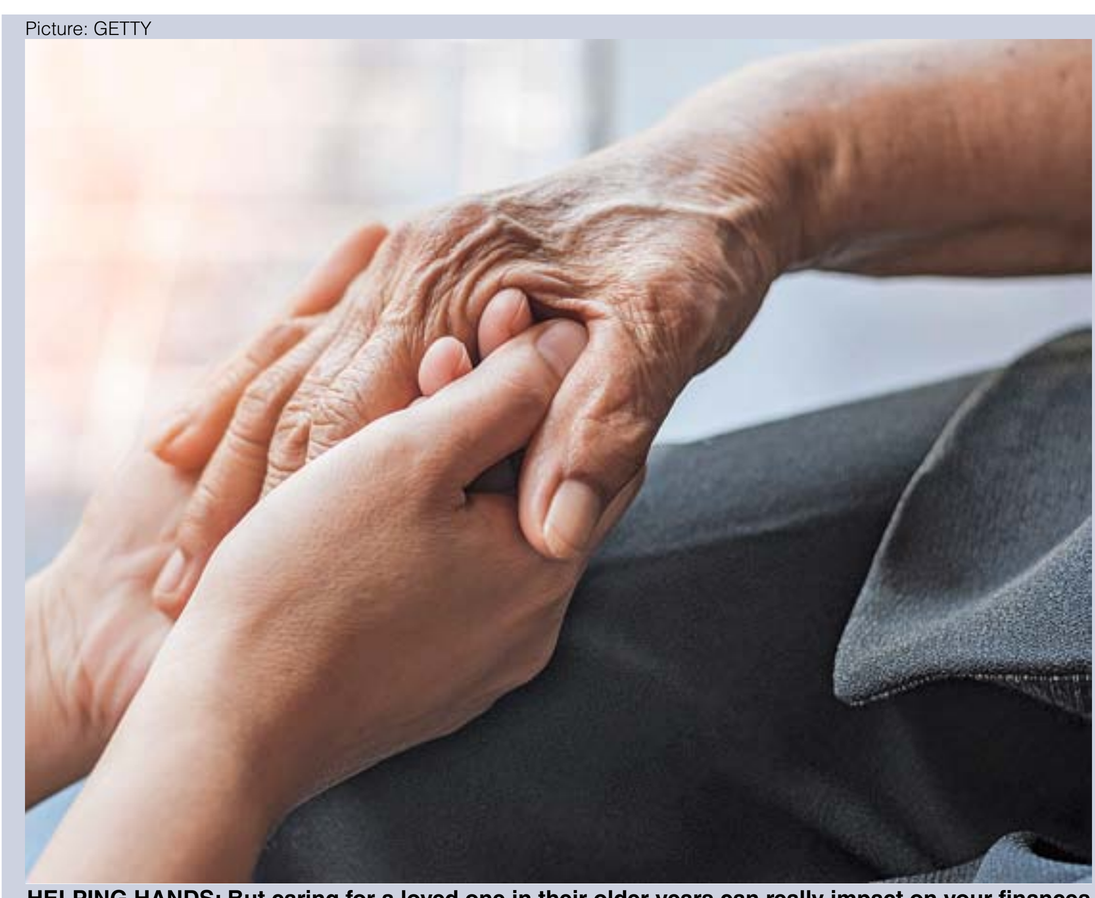
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Your Money

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HELPING HANDS: But caring for a loved one in their older years can really impact on your finances

Carers 'on £2.34 an hour' facing a bleak retirement

PEOPLE who give up working to care for a relative or loved one do not just lose the income from a job, their pensions can get hammered as well.

New figures show almost three-quarters of those who receive Carer's Allowance are not in paid employment at all, while those who do work are mostly in low wage jobs with no security or workplace pension.

While they can claim Carer's Allowance state benefit if providing at least 35 hours a week for a severely disabled person, this is only worth £81.90 a week, or £4,258.80 a year.

That works out as just £2.34 an hour, a fraction of the National Minimum Wage for those aged 21 and above, which is £11.44 an hour.

Carer's Allowance stops once earnings top £151 a week after tax, national insurance and expenses.

Most carers are women, and the UK's threadbare social care system is forcing them to sacrifice their careers and workplace pension savings, said Stephen Lowe, group communications director at retirement specialist Just Group.

"Caring responsibilities typically rise in the run-up to retirement, with many in their 50s and 60s looking after elderly parents, partners, children or grandchildren," he added.

This is exactly the time when people should be focusing on building up their pension before they retire, particularly women who are returning after taking a break to raise children.

More than a million claim Carer's Allowance and the good news is they automatically get NI credits, which protects their state pension.

It can also act as a gateway for other benefits, including support from their local council, Council Tax Reduction, Universal Credit, and Pension Credit if over retirement age.

Be prepared to enjoy your later years to the full

By **Harvey Jones**

MANAGING your personal finances only gets harder as you get older, and the over-70s risk ruining their final years by making basic financial mistakes.

Emma-Lou Montgomery, personal finance expert at fund manager Fidelity, said you need to draw up a new financial strategy as you spend savings rather than build them, and lists five key errors to avoid.

1. Ignoring inflation

Managing on a fixed income isn't easy, as inflation will erode its value over time unless you are careful, Montgomery said.

At 70, you could easily live for another 15 to 20 years. Many older people prefer the safety of cash and bonds but this could backfire if the money only grows slowly. "Invest some money in stocks and investment funds to protect your purchasing power."

Shares are more volatile than cash in the short run, but should be more rewarding over time.

2. Spending too little

While you don't want to spend too much pension too soon, don't overdo the scrimping.

"This is the time to let go of the savings mindset enjoy the fruits of a lifetime of labour."

As well as having fun while you're still healthy, you may want to help children and grandchildren. There are good reasons to do so, not least reducing a potential inheritance tax bill when you die.

Any gifts are free of IHT if you live for another seven years after making them, while smaller gifts can get instant IHT exemption.

If Labour win the general election they may tighten the rules, so take advantage today. "If you want to pass on larger sums, speak to an adviser about placing money in trust."

3. Being too generous

While it is wonderful to help family, do not give more than you can afford. "Make sure you don't jeopardise your own financial security along the way," Montgomery warned.

She added: "If you do 'lend' money, do it on the expectation that you probably won't be getting any back."

4. Having no emergency fund.

A boiler breakdown, car repairs, medical bills or other unforeseen expenses could upend your plans, so be ready for them.

Set aside three to six months of living expenses in an easy access savings account, for emergencies, Montgomery said. "Otherwise you may have to use costly credit cards, or draw more pension than planned."

Your emergency cash could be worth a few thousand pounds, so get a decent rate of interest on it.

5. Preparing for later life

Nobody wants to think about the final stages of life, but that only makes it more important to be prepared.

Writing a will is essential. As more people suffer from dementia and Alzheimer's, you must also prepare a legal Lasting Power of Attorney document, which allows a named love one to make financial and health decisions on your behalf.

Three in four need care in later life, so try to set aside some savings to cover potential costs. If you don't use them, you can pass them on to your loved ones.

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Go for gold as safe haven

SAVERS have embarked on a gold rush to protect their deposits against the uncertainty that a Labour Party landslide victory in this year's general election will bring.

Gold bullion savings app TallyMoney reports a 20 per cent rise in downloads since Rishi Sunak's election announcement, as Britons seek a safe haven for their money .

Demand for gold tends to go up in troubled political and economic times and the price has risen throughout the millennium, recently hitting a record high of $2,449.89 (£1,932) an ounce.

By **Harvey Jones**

The 2000 dot-com crash, 9/11 terror attacks, 2008 financial crisis, Covid, and Ukraine war have driven up demand. Many investors have lost faith in "fiat" paper currencies as inflation and central banker money printing debases their value.

The gold price has an average return of 10.56 per cent a year since 2000 – a total return of 697 per cent, smashing returns on cash. US-China tensions, the US election and Tory party collapse continue to drive sales.

Picture: GETTY



SHINIER FUTURE: Bullion

TallyMoney chief executive Cameron Parry said with the Tories set for wipeout, thousands of savers are seeking the stability that gold potentially brings.

Yet political uncertainty isn't the only factor driving its price. The metal does not pay interest, which makes it less attractive when savers can get up to 5 per cent a year on cash.

However, the Bank of England is expected to start cutting base rates soon, and best buy savings rates are falling in anticipation. Easy access savings rates fell at their fastest in nearly four years in April, with the average account paying 3.11 per cent.

Parry said this is likely to fall further as rate cuts loom, increasing the lure of gold. "The gold price has risen by 19 per cent in the past year alone, six times more than the interest on a typical bank savings account."

Gold miners now have to dig deeper to access quality reserves. This should squeeze supply and support the price, said Rick Kanda, managing director of The Gold Bullion Company: "The easy gold has already been mined. Increased challenges, dangers, costs and time result in higher gold prices."

While some invest by buying gold jewellery, bars and coins, these come with storage and security risks.

Many favour low-cost exchange traded funds (ETFs) such as iShares Gold Trust or SPDR Gold Shares, that simply track the gold price. These can be bought inside a stocks and shares Isa on an investment platform, with all capital gains free of tax.

TallyMoney deposits are held as real gold, stored in a Swiss vault, but savers can withdraw or spend their money for free from an ATM or spend via debit card, while benefiting from any increase in the gold price.

However, if political and economic tensions ease, the price of gold could drop shortly, hitting the value of your holdings. In contrast to cash, your capital is at risk.

Also, it will not suit savers who need to generate income from savings, as it doesn't pay interest or dividends.

Most advisers recommend holding no more than 5 to 10 per cent of your total savings portfolio in the precious metal – do not put all your golden eggs in one basket.

Big cheese at awards



Maisha Frost

SMALL and perfectly formed Snowdrop is the latest award-winning creation from Cote Hill Dairy, an artisan cheesemaker wowing foodies and chefs in a thriving UK sector that holds its own internationally.

Crowned supreme champion at this year's British Cheese Awards, velvety Snowdrop (£6.50) is already making a name for itself in innovative pairings that go beyond traditional chutneys, such as with tangy lemon curd.

Produced with raw cows' milk from a 70-strong herd on Cote Hill's 180-acre, three-generation family farm in Lincolnshire, mould-ripened Snowdrop's pale blooms vary in flavour as the pastures change with the seasons.

The cheese heads a line-up of six varieties made by the business run by the Davenports – husband and wife Michael and Mary and son Joe.

Most popular for its balance of creaminess with a peppery bite is the soft Cote Hill Blue. "Customers love it for the flavour that goes on and on," says Mary.

Another award-winner is Lindum, a cheese full of complex flavour notes that has been washed in craft beer from the local Ferry Ales Brewery.



Prescient timing and market pressures have had a major influence on the success that Cote Hill is today.

Started in 2004, "making cheese was a way of adding value to our milk which we were having to sell to processors at a price lower than our cost of production," explains Mary.

A £20,000 EU grant enabled the family to set up making and maturing areas plus a cold store. From there they never looked back. Now a £350,000 turnover is forecast for 2026.

The three tons of cheese produced in Cote Hill's first year has grown to 25, and the dairy employs five full-time and five part-time staff.

"Using raw milk gives our cheeses unique flavours and there are savings on energy costs we would have incurred had we pasteurised our milk," explains Michael.

Picture: JOE BREAKWELL



WINNER: Snowdrop cheese. Below, the Davenports

Over time the popularity of locally produced, quality food has spiralled. The business sells through its own Cheese Shed, wholesalers, delis and direct to consumer. "We have been able to tap into the changing demand. Our local Lincolnshire Co-op store has been supporting us for 18 years," adds Michael.

With the farm's milk used for the cheese and also sold for milk powder, the herd is grass-fed, grazing outdoors from March to October. "It's very important our cows are unstressed and the cheesemaking fits well into our overall routine," says Mary.

Now at peak capacity volume-wise, processes are being adapted to climate changes such as wetter weather.

"There will always be challenges," say the Davenports, "but we are gaining customers from all over the UK. Snowdrop's award is icing on the cake. Our only regret is we wish we'd started earlier."

● *cotehill.com, britishcheeseawards.com*

Best savings, mortgages and personal finance deals

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Savings

EASY ACCESS

Provider	Account	Term or Notice	Min	AER	Interest Paid
cahoot	Sunny Day Saver (1)	None	£1	5.20%	Yearly
Ulster Bank	Loyalty Saver	None	£5,000	5.20%	Yearly
Chase	Chase Saver Boosted Rate	None	£1	5.10% **A**	Monthly
Oxbury Bank	Easy Access Ltd Edition 1	None	£20,000	5.02%	Monthly

SHORT TERM FIXED RATES

Provider	Account	Term or Notice	Min	AER	Interest Paid
Vanquis Bank	Vanquis Bank Savings	1 Yr Bnd	£1,000	5.21% **F**	Yearly
Ziraat Bank	Raisin UK - Fixed Deposit	1 Yr Bnd	£1,000	5.21% **F**	On Maturity
Al Rayan Bank **B**	Fixed Term Deposit	12 Mth Bnd	£5,000	5.20% **F**	Quarterly
SmartSave	Fixed Rate Saver	1 Yr Bnd	£10,000	5.16% **F**	On Maturity

LONG TERM FIXED RATES

Provider	Account	Term or Notice	Min	AER	Interest Paid
Isbank	Raisin UK - Fixed Deposit	4 Yr Bnd	£1,000	4.75% **F**	Yearly
Atom Bank	5 Year Fixed Saver	5 Yr Bnd	£50	4.60% **F**	Yearly
Vanquis Bank	Vanquis Bank Savings	4 Yr Bnd	£1,000	4.60% **F**	Yearly
United Trust Bank	UTB 5 Year Bond	5 Yr Bnd	£5,000	4.60% **F**	Yearly

NOTICE ACCOUNTS

Provider	Account	Term or Notice	Min	AER	Interest Paid
Monument Bank	60 Day Notice Account	60 Day	£25,000	5.27%	Monthly
Vanquis Bank	90 Day Notice Account (5)	90 Day	£1,000	5.25%	Yearly
Hinckley & Rugby BS	180 Day Notice	180 Day	£2,500	5.25%	Yearly
Investec Bank plc	90-Day Notice Saver	90 Day	£5,000	5.25%	Monthly

VARIABLE ISAs

Provider	Account	Term or Notice	Min	AER	Interest Paid
Trading 212	Cash ISA	None	£0	5.20%	Daily
Plum	Plum Cash ISA	None	£100	5.17% **A**	Monthly
Chip	Chip Cash ISA (by ClearBank)	None	£1	5.10%	Monthly
West Brom BS	WeBSave Notice ISA (2)	60 Day	£1	5.10%	Yearly

Mortgages

FIRST TIME BUYERS

Provider	Initial Rate	Period	Max LTV	Fee	Redemption Charge
Hanley Economic BS	5.32%**F**	for 2 years	95%	Nil	1st 2 yrs
Hanley Economic BS	5.59%**D**	for 2 years	95%	Nil	1st 2 yrs
The Co-operative Bank	5.16%**F**	to 30.9.29	95%	£999	To 30.9.29
Cumberland BS	5.23%**F**	to 1.8.29	95%	Nil	To 1.8.29

SHORT TERM FIXED RATES

Provider	Initial Rate	Period	Max LTV	Fee	Redemption Charge
first direct	4.83%	for 2 years	60%	£490	1st 2 yrs
first direct	5.23%	for 2 years	90%	£490	1st 2 yrs
The Co-operative Bank	4.99%	to 30.9.27	75%	Nil	To 30.9.27
first direct	5.18%	for 3 years	90%	£490	1st 3 yrs

LONG TERM FIXED RATES

Provider	Initial Rate	Period	Max LTV	Fee	Redemption Charge
Santander	4.28%	to 2.11.29	60%	£999	To 2.11.29
Barclays Mortgage	4.53%	to 30.9.29	75%	£899	To 30.9.29
first direct	4.78%	for 5 years	90%	£490	1st 5 yrs
first direct	4.64%	for 10 years	75%	£490	1st 10 yrs

DISCOUNTED VARIABLE RATES

Provider	Initial Rate	Period	Max LTV	Fee	Redemption Charge
Loughborough BS	5.45%	for 2 years	90%	Nil	1st 2 yrs
Tipton & Coseley BS	5.69%	to 31.8.26	85%	Nil	To 31.8.26
Newbury BS	4.99%	for 3 years	75%	£850	1st 3 yrs
Earl Shilton BS	6.54%	for 5 years	90%	£724	1st 5 yrs

REMORTGAGES

Provider	Initial Rate	Period	Max LTV	Fee	Redemption Charge
first direct	4.83%**F**	for 2 years	60%	£490	1st 2yrs
Hanley Economic BS	4.75%**F**	for 2 years	80%	£1,000	1st 2yrs
first direct	4.63%**F**	for 5 years	75%	£490	1st 5 yrs
The Co-operative Bank	5.02%**F**	to 30.9.29	90%	£999	To 30.9.29

Personal Finance

BALANCE TRANSFER CREDIT CARDS

Provider	Product Name	0% Period	Fee	APR
Tesco Bank	Clubcard Credit Card BT MC	29 mths	3.49%	24.9%
Virgin Money	28 Mth Bal Transfer CC MC	28 mths	3.25%	24.9%
Barclaycard	Platinum 28 Mth BT Visa	28 mths	3.45%	24.9%
Lloyds Bank	Platinum 0% BT CC MC	27 mths	3.20%	24.9%

PURCHASE CREDIT CARDS

Provider	Product Name	0% Period	APR
Barclaycard	Platinum All-Rounder Visa	21 mths	24.9%
Sainsbury's Bank	Dual 20 Month CC MC	20 mths	23.9%
Lloyds Bank	Plat 0% Purch & BT CC MC	20 mths	24.9%
Natwest	Purch & BT Credit Card MC	19 mths	24.9%

PERSONAL LOANS - BASED ON £10,000 OVER 5 YEARS

Provider	APR	Monthly Repayment	Total Amount Repayable
TSB	6.2%	£193.47	£11,608.20
M&S Bank	6.2%	£193.47	£11,608.20
Santander	6.2%	£193.47	£11,608.20
Sainsbury's Bank	6.5%	£194.79	£11,687.40

CURRENT ACCOUNTS WITH CREDIT INTEREST OR REWARD

Provider	Account	AER or Amount Paid
Halifax	Reward Current Account	£5 pm **C**
TSB	Spend & Save Plus	£5 pm
Nationwide BS	FlexDirect	5.00% **A**
Kroo Bank Ltd	Current Account	4.35%



A = Introductory rate for a limited period. **B** = Provider operates under Islamic finance principles, rate shown is expected profit rate. **C** = Paid net of income tax.
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Porto, Portugal

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Tue 8 **Cádiz, Spain**
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Fri 11 **Ajaccio, Corsica**

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Experts talk codswallop

SORRY to be blunt but retail experts don't half talk a load of twaddle. Or at least they do in Channel 5's documentary **WAITROSE: TROUBLE IN THE AISLES?**, going out tonight at 8pm.

Twaddle, tosh and poppycock – that lethal combination.

This one-off special is all about the high-end supermarket chain and the struggles it has apparently been going through over the past couple of years, brought on by increasing competition, the cost-of-living crisis and the global shortage of pomegranate molasses (that last remark is just my little joke, by the way – please don't go out and panic buy).



Mike Ward previews tonight's TV

But it also has these experts delivering ludicrous sweeping statements about the sort of people who might pop in and do a bit of shopping at their nearest branch.

"By entering the doors of Waitrose, rather than entering the doors of Asda," declares consumer journalist Harry Wallop, "you are definitely making a statement about your social class."

It's the "definitely" here that annoys me. Harry puts so much emphasis on that word, I should probably have written it in capitals. Oh, well, too late now.

Sure, Waitrose targets customers with more disposable income. And, OK, if you did all your shopping there, week after week, it would indeed suggest you were minted.

But what if you "enter the doors of Waitrose" simply because you want a pint of milk and a Kit-Kat and it happens to be closest? Or you're trying out a new recipe and, given that it often stocks stuff you can't buy elsewhere, you have popped in for some of the harder-to-find ingredients?

Does that make you Hyacinth Bucket? I mean, seriously, give us a break.

Personally, over a typical month I'll shop at Tesco, Sainsbury's, Lidl, Aldi, Asda and, yes, occasionally my local Waitrose.

My choice will depend on a range of factors, including price, availability, locality and whether or not I need to get in and out quickly so I can make it home in time for Bargain Hunt.

On no occasion is it based on my wish to "make a statement".

Do these experts really think we do that sort of thing? ("Just popping out for a loaf of bread, darling. Won't be long." / "Righty-ho, dear. Don't forget to make a statement while you are there.")

Apparently, yes, they think precisely that, because it's not just Harry Codswallop coming out with this guff.

Brand expert Marcel Knobil is doing it as well. "There appears to be a real pride in stepping out of your four-wheel-drive vehicle, carrying your Waitrose carrier bags," he insists.

Honestly, what nonsense.

I get my butler to carry them. Doesn't everyone?

PICKS OF THE DAY



Travel: Joanna Lumley's Japan, Yesterday, 9pm

Another chance to follow actress and presenter Joanna Lumley (left) on her exciting travels through "the land of the rising sun", Japan. In this first instalment of a three-part series, Joanna starts her 2,000-mile adventure in Hokkaido, the northernmost of Japan's four main islands. There she meets one of the most significant animals in the country's culture, the red-crowned crane, before travelling on to Sapporo, arriving in the middle of the annual Snow Festival and meeting members of the area's indigenous community. Finally, Joanna makes her way into the Fukushima exclusion zone, and takes the famous bullet train to Tokyo.

Sport: MOTD Live: Uefa Euro 2024, BBC1, 7.30pm

Gabby Logan hosts this Group A match between Scotland and Switzerland, kicking off at 8pm. Steve Clarke's side will want to move on from their bruising 5-1 defeat at the hands of Germany in their first group stage match, and keep pushing to reach the knockout stages for their first ever time. Switzerland may not be an easy opponent though – the team reached the quarter-finals in 2020 and will want to make their mark in 2024. Steve Bower and James McFadden commentate.



Health: Botched Bariatrics, Really, 10pm

Series following the stories of people who underwent bariatric surgery in the hope of making a fresh start in life, but whose lives have then been turned upside down by appalling post-surgery complications. One such patient is Christina, whose botched Lap-Band surgery has made it impossible for her to swallow any solid food. And Dr Caplin helps a patient whose tummy tuck left her with a disfigured abdomen.

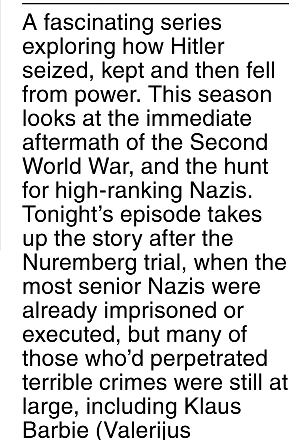


Film: Fisherman's Friends, 4Seven, 8pm

James Purefoy, Tuppence Middleton and Daniel Mays star in this enjoyable comedy drama. When a music executive travels to a Cornish fishing village, to find fishermen to record an album of sea shanties, his quest does not go as smoothly as he'd hoped. But despite his struggles to win the singers and their families over, he develops a genuine appreciation for their traditional values. Based on a true story.

Factual: Rise Of The Nazis, BBC4, 9pm

A fascinating series exploring how Hitler seized, kept and then fell from power. This season looks at the immediate aftermath of the Second World War, and the hunt for high-ranking Nazis. Tonight's episode takes up the story after the Nuremberg trial, when the most senior Nazis were already imprisoned or executed, but many of those who'd perpetrated terrible crimes were still at large, including Klaus Barbie (Valerijus Jevsejevas, right), dubbed "the Butcher of Lyon".



DID YOU KNOW? Joanna Lumley has been a vegetarian since the 1970s. The actress credits her mother for her decision. Joanna once said: "I was eating a steak and I suddenly saw it as flesh… and that was it."

Today's TV previews are on the previous page

All programmes are listed in British Summer Time (BST).

film ratings

★★★★★ Brilliant
★★★★ Very Good
★★★ Good
★★ Average
★ Bad

(R) Repeat

BBC One

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
9.30 Morning Live Magazine.
10.45 Scam Interceptors Scammers try to convince a man hackers are using his Amazon account.
11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Properties in Lowestoft, North Shields and Bucknall. (R)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt From Newark, Nottinghamshire. (R)
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
2.00 Rip Off Britain (R)
2.30 Animal Park (R)
3.00 Escape to the Country Jules Hudson help a couple find a home in the Welsh Borders. (R)
4.00 Antiques Road Trip Hettie Jago and David Harper are in Brampton, Cumbria. (R)
4.30 LIVE **MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024** Germany v Hungary (kick-off 5.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the Group A match from Stuttgart Arena. Germany haven't won any of the last three meetings between the two, and the last fixture saw Hungary come out on top with a 1-0 victory in a UEFA Nations League match.

BBC Two

6.30am Homes Under the Hammer Featuring properties in Waterlooville, Birkenhead and West Bromwich. (R)
7.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure The newsreader is in the Dominican Republic. (R)
8.00 Sign Zone: Rick Stein's Food Stories Rick visits a Suffolk bakery. (R)
8.30 Sign Zone: Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo explores Derby and Nottingham. (R)
9.00 BBC News Headlines.
12.15pm Politics Live
1.00 LIVE **Tennis: Queen's** The cinch Championships. Clare Balding presents coverage of day three of the men's grass-court tournament at Queen's Club, featuring matches from the second round.
6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Jasmine Harman, Dave Johns, Suzannah Lipscomb and Jason Mohammad. (R)
6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes With Lee Ridley, aka Lost Voice Guy. (R)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.
9.00 Lorraine Entertainment and the latest fashion news.
10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.
12.30pm ITV News; Weather
12.50 Regional News; Weather
1.00 LIVE **UEFA Euro 2024** Croatia v Albania (kick-off 2.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the Group B match taking place at Volksparkstadion Hamburg.
4.15 LIVE **ITV Racing: Royal Ascot** Ed Chamberlin and Francesca Cumani present further coverage of the second day of the meeting, featuring the 4.25 Prince Of Wales's Stakes, plus races at 5.05 and 5.40. Coverage continues on ITV4.
6.00 Regional News; Weather
6.20 Party Election Broadcast By the Labour Party.

Channel 4

6.25am Cheers Double bill. (R)
7.15 Everybody Loves Raymond Four episodes. (R)
9.05 Frasier Four episodes. (R)
11.05 Great Canal Journeys Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore Argentina's waterways in a cargo boat. (R)
12.05pm Channel 4 News
12.10 Help! We Bought a Village A delivery causes chaos at a medieval village in France. (R)
1.10 Car S.O.S Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw secretly restore a classic 1960s Mercedes. (R)
2.10 Countdown Greg Rusedski guests in Dictionary Corner.
3.00 A Place in the Sun Double bill. A couple search for a home in and around La Mata in Spain; a holiday home on the Greek island of Aegina. (R)
5.00 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses A couple relocate from New York to Spain.
6.00 Four in a Bed Guest house owners compete for the coveted best B&B title. (R)
6.30 The Simpsons Three Halloween-themed tales. (R)

Channel 5

6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.
11.15 Storm Huntley With calls.
12.45pm Friends Double bill. (R)
1.40 5 News at Lunchtime
1.45 Home and Away Things are strained a week into Levi living with Mackenzie, and Eden explodes, telling Levi that she'll never forgive him. (R)
2.20 FILM **Secret Lives of Housewives** (2022, PG) Drama, starring Jessica Morris, Justin Berti and Collin Hitt. ★★★
4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Following Chris through the challenges of running and managing the largest Paintball and Adventure facility in all of the Iberian Peninsula. (R)
5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.
6.00 Party Election Broadcast By the Liberal Democrats.
6.05 Police Interceptors There's a hunt for a dodgy Fiesta, but with the interceptors on its tail, the driver stacks the vehicle into a roundabout and the occupants go to ground (R); 5 News Update



11.10pm, THE TRAITORS US: Alan Cumming



9pm, FAKE OR FORTUNE?: Philip Mould and Fiona Bruce



1pm, LIVE UEFA EURO 2024: Mateo Kovacic



8pm, LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION: Kirstie and Phil



6.05pm, POLICE INTERCEPTORS

BBC One (evening)

7.00 BBC News at Six; Weather The latest headlines.
7.15 Regional News; Weather
7.25 Party Election Broadcast By the Labour Party. (R)
7.30 LIVE **MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024** Scotland v Switzerland (kick-off 8.00pm). Gabby Logan presents coverage of the Group A match from Cologne Stadium. Steve Clarke's side went into the tournament with high hopes of reaching the knockout stages for the first time in their history, having performed impressively in their qualifying group, recording wins over the likes of Spain and Norway. However, their opening match ended in disappointment when they were soundly beaten 5-1 by Germany. In contrast, Switzerland, who reached the quarter-finals of Euro 2020, got off to a good start when they prevailed 3-1 against Hungary thanks to goals by Kwadwo Duah, Michel Aebischer and Breel Embolo. With commentary by Steve Bower and James McFadden.
10.30 BBC News at Ten A round-up of today's headlines.
11.00 Regional News; Weather
11.10 The Traitors US Double bill. The Traitors are set a daunting task for their next murder; a deadly mission sees a player take their last breath in the game. Hosted by Alan Cumming. (R)
1.10 Euro 2024 Match Replay. Scotland v Switzerland. Another chance to see the Group A match from Cologne Stadium, as both teams played their second contest of the tournament. **2.50** Weather for the Week Ahead **2.55-6.00am** BBC News. The latest headlines.

BBC Two (evening)

7.00 The One Show With Alex Jones and Lauren Laverne.
7.30 EastEnders Sharon is spooked when Callum says that he's speaking to the detectives who investigated Keanu's murder, and Yolande decides to brave the baptism.
8.00 The Repair Shop The craftspeople get to work on a leather-bound book containing a secret radio used during the Second World War, a pair of vintage seamstress scissors, a 74-year-old teddy bear, and a battered school satchel. (R)
9.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould are in the Essex countryside on the trail of Elisabeth Frink, investigating a sculpture found at a car-boot sale which could be one of the artist's Small Warrior figures. (R)
10.00 Meet the Richardsons Lucy remembers the time she was in an episode of Doctors acting alongside Fleabag star Phoebe Waller Bridge. Last in series. (R)
10.30 Newsnight Headline analysis with Victoria Derbyshire.
11.20 Unspun World with John Simpson The BBC's world affairs editor reflects on the week's major global news stories, talking to local experts from around the world.
11.50 Dead Calm: Killing in the Med? A look at the migrant boat disaster off the coast of Greece in June 2023. (R)
1.20am Sign Zone: Race Across the World. The teams enter South-east Asia for the first time. (R) **2.20** Sign Zone: The Misadventures of Romesh Ranganathan. Last in series. (R) **3.20-6.30am** This Is BBC Two

ITV1 (evening)

6.30 ITV Evening News A round-up of the day's news headlines from the UK and around the world; Weather
7.30 Emmerdale Things spiral out of control with Moira and Cain, and Rose informs Ruby their plan is working.
8.00 Coronation Street Abi reports Stefan to the police for targeting her, Toyah refuses to be blackmailed by Rowan, Leanne scales new heights within the Institute, Cassie lays her cards on the table, and Kevin teams up with Bethany.
9.00 Adam Lambert: Out, Loud & Proud American singer and Queen frontman Adam Lambert brings his own unique perspective as he explores how British LGBTQ+ artists have fought for their place in the music industry.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather The major stories of the day.
10.30 Regional News; Weather
10.45 Peston Political magazine show hosted by Robert Peston, featuring major interviews with MPs, topical guests and cultural figures.
11.40 UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights Celina Hinchcliffe presents the best action from the latest matches in Germany, featuring Scotland v Switzerland and Germany v Hungary in Group A, and Croatia v Albania at Volksparkstadion in Group B.
12.45am Shop on TV **3.00** Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace. Foundlings track down blood relatives. (R) **3.50** Unwind with ITV **4.45-6.00am** British Touring Car Championship Highlights. Steve Rider presents highlights of the fourth meeting of the campaign, held at Thruxton. (R)

Channel 4 (evening)

7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of all the latest headlines and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's sports stories and weather.
7.55 Party Election Broadcast By the Scottish National Party.
8.00 Location, Location, Location Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help Priti and Shakti find their first family home while staying close to London. Cheesemonger Julia is looking for a slice of the countryside. (R)
9.00 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud meet Graeme and Melanie, who have huge ambitions for a home in Hackney. They plan to build on a tiny twin garage plot that cost them £275,000 on a traditional Victorian terraced road. (R)
10.00 Britain's Most Expensive Houses Diana tries to secure a listing for a £30million mega-home in Mayfair, and Christine teams up with Tessa and Amy to close a deal on a Grade I listed Georgian townhouse in Bath. (R)
11.05 Murder in the Alps Triple bill. Documentary exploring a murder that has gone unsolved for 10 years; detectives hunt for a motorcyclist spotted near the crime scene; why so much attention was focused on prime suspect Zaid Al-Hilli.
1.55 FILM Benedetta (2021, 18) A 17th-century nun in Italy who has disturbing visions develops a romantic affair with another woman. Historical drama, with Virginie Efira and Charlotte Rampling. ★★★★ **4.05** Couples Come Dine with Me (R) **4.55** Frasier: double bill (R) **5.45-6.25am** Countdown (R)

Channel 5 (evening)

7.00 Super Dogs with Extraordinary Jobs A look at the work of an arson detection dog, a team of Newfoundland swim and rescue dogs, and a Bavarian Hound training to fight poachers in sub-Saharan Africa. Last in series; 5 News
8.00 Waitrose: Trouble in the Aisles? Examining the declining sales of the supermarket, which is known for being the mainstay of middle-class shoppers, while exploring the reasons for it's loss in popularity.
9.00 Cold Call June and Des finally have reason to celebrate, but they are also increasingly close to the violent criminals that they are trying to catch. Third of the four-part thriller, starring Sally Lindsay, Daniel Ryan and Paul Higgins. (R)
10.00 Trauma Room One Surgeons begin to fear that without urgent surgery fifty-three-year-old Theresa could become paralysed after she's rushed to hospital with weakness in her arms and legs. (R)
11.05 999: Emergency Call Out Paramedic Jordan and special sergeant Hannah find a known heroin-user who appears to have been assaulted by the owner of a car he was attempting to break into. Last in series. (R)
12.05am Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (R) **1.00** PlayOJO Live Casino Show **3.00** Crossrail: Where Did It All Go Wrong? (R) **3.50** Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up (R) **4.40** Wildlife SOS (R) **5.05** House Doctor **5.30** Entertainment News **5.35** Fireman Sam **5.45-6.00am** Paw Patrol

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6.00am CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00noon** Dress to Impress **1.00** Deal or No Deal **2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Veronica Mars **4.00** Dawson's Creek **5.00** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep

6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase With Judy Murray, Oti Mabuse and John Thomson.

7.00 Deal or No Deal Gameshow.

8.00 The Masked Singer US Two new contestants take on the reigning champion and sing a collection of songs that are synonymous with the history of New York.

9.00 Love Island The islanders continue their quest for true love.

10.05 G'wed Ted dates a sixth-former.

10.35 Family Guy Animated double bill.

11.35 American Dad! Animation.

12.05am American Dad! **12.35** Extraordinary **1.10** Celebrity Karaoke Club **2.15** World's Funniest Videos **2.45** Unwind **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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7.00am Unwind with ITV **7.05** Sugar Showdown **7.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **8.35** Masters of Flip **9.35** Buying and Selling **10.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **11.35** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **12.30pm** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **1.20** The Only Way Is Essex **2.05** Dinner Date **3.05** Million Dollar Listing: LA **4.00** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **5.00** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City

6.00 Masters of Flip Kortney Wilson has her sights set on blonde flooring.

7.00 Million Dollar Listing: LA A castle.

8.00 Dinner Date Isabel picks dates.

9.00 Million Pound Pawn A Sheffield pawnbroker takes a helicopter ride.

10.00 The Real Housewives of Cheshire: Pride The Housewives turn up and turn out for Lystra and Ashley's first Pride.

11.00 The Only Way Is Essex Reality.

11.50 Ready to Mingle Dating show.

12.50-1.00am Unwind with ITV

BBC3 Freeview 23

7.00pm Celebrity MasterChef The contest reaches the quarter-final.

7.30 The Fast and the Farmer-ish The grand final of the tractor-driving championship sees only two teams remaining, with both of them hoping to take home the trophy and title.

8.00 The Traitors US Alan has a deadly surprise for all the players.

9.00 Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster Elliot faces deportation to the UK straight into the hands of the British police. Last in series.

9.45 Catch Her If You Can Documentary following an attempt to expose a con artist.

10.20 Back to Life Double bill.

11.15 Peacock Double bill.

12.15am Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster **1.00** Catch Her If You Can **1.30** Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens **2.30** Back to Life **3.25-3.55am** Doctor Who: Unleashed

BBC4 Freeview 9

7.00pm Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo picks up his rail journey from Warwick to Rye.

7.30 Villages by the Sea The history of Thorpeness in Suffolk.

8.00 Full Circle with Michael Palin The actor and writer heads for Australia and New Zealand.

8.50 Mull: Eagle Paradise Gordon Buchanan visits his childhood home, Mull, to explore the community of white-tailed sea eagles living there.

9.00 Rise of the Nazis: The Manhunt The hunt for war criminals Adolf Eichmann and Klaus Barbie.

10.00 Remembering The Cops Cast members Katy Cavanagh-Jupe and John Henshaw reflect on the show.

10.15 The Cops Four episodes.

1.35 Great British Railway Journeys. From Warwick to Rye. **2.05** Villages by the Sea. In Suffolk. **2.35-3.35am** Rise of the Nazis: The Manhunt

GB News F'view 236

6.00am Breakfast with Eamonn and Isabel **9.30** Britain's Newsroom **12.00noon** Good Afternoon Britain **3.00** Martin Daubney

6.00 Dewbs & Co Straight-talking – Michelle Dewberry delivers her individual take on the day's news.

7.00 Vote 2024: The People Decide Complete coverage of the general election campaign.

8.00 State of the Nation The countdown to election day is on.

9.00 Patrick Christys Tonight

11.00 Headliners Join the all-star comedy cast for an intelligent and insightful look at tomorrow's headlines tonight. Hosts Simon Evans & Dominic Frisby.

12.00m't Vote 2024: The People Decide **1.00** State of the Nation **2.00** Headliners Replay **3.00** Patrick Christys Tonight Replay **5.00-6.00am** Headliners Replay

Dave Freeview 19

6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** Cop Car Workshop **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK **9.00** James May's 20th Century **10.00** Top Gear **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK: four episodes **2.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **3.00** Top Gear: double bill **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Chicken and Egg

6.00 Rick Stein's Secret France Rick's journey continues on the Spanish border and the Mediterranean coast.

7.00 Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits Extra material from the panel show.

7.40 Richard Osman's House of Games

9.00 QI XL With Ruby Wax and Ross Noble.

10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You

11.00 Taskmaster With Paul Sinha, Lou Sanders, Iain Stirling and Sian Gibson.

12.00m't Mock the Week **12.40** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.40** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.45** Live at the Apollo **3.30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

Drama Freeview 20

6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** London's Burning **8.00** Doctors **9.20** Classic Holby City **10.40** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** London's Burning **3.00** Lovejoy **4.10** Tenko **5.15** Birds of a Feather

6.00 Waiting for God Diana enters a 'glamorous granny' competition.

6.40 Are You Being Served? The staff's coffee breaks are threatened.

7.20 Last of the Summer Wine Howard hires a surveillance team.

8.00 Miss Marple The amateur sleuth's holiday in London is interrupted by the disappearance of a cleric, which is seemingly linked to an Irish train robbery.

10.00 New Tricks The team re-examines the case of a writer found dead in a scrapyard.

11.20 Soldier, Soldier Paddy Garvey is awarded his medal at Buckingham Palace.

12.30am Footballers' Wives. Glossy drama. **1.40** Lovejoy **2.45** Classic Holby City **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

E4 Freeview 13

6.00am Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Modern Family **12.00noon** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill

6.00 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.

7.00 Hollyoaks Abe plays games.

7.30 Come Dine with Me IT manager and stand-up comic Ryan hosts the third dinner party of the week in Edinburgh.

8.00 Dance Moms The mothers begin to lose trust in Abby's choreography.

9.00 Gogglebox TV opinions.

10.00 Naked Attraction Singletons from Newquay and Sheffield take part.

11.05 First Dates Receptionist Natasha sits down for a meal with a chef.

12.10am The Big Bang Theory. Comedy. **1.10** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.10** Modern Family **3.00** Dance Moms **3.50-4.35am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

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8.55am A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **12.30pm** Come Dine with Me: five episodes **3.10** Four in a Bed: five episodes **5.50** Chateau DIY

6.55 Car S.O.S Tim Shaw and Fuzz Townshend rescue a 1973 fire engine.

7.55 The Dog House Doting owners Yvonne and Graham seek a companion for their sausage dog Baxter.

9.00 Emergency Helicopter Medics Crews help a teenager with a major brain injury after colliding with a car.

10.00 999: On the Front Line Paramedics are called out to a gardener who's slipped off a wall and damaged his leg.

11.05 24 Hours in A&E Milly brings her two-year-old son Freddie in after he jammed his thumb in a door.

12.10am Emergency Helicopter Medics **1.15** 999: On the Front Line. Medical documentary. **2.15** 24 Hours in A&E **3.20-3.50am** A Place in the Sun

Variations & S4C

WALES As BBC1 except: 1.35-1.45pm BBC Wales Today; Weather **7.15** BBC Wales Today; Weather **7.25-7.30** Party Election Broadcast. By the Welsh Labour Party. **11.00-11.10pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather

MERIDIAN As ITV1 except: 12.50-1.00pm ITV News Meridian **6.00-6.20** ITV News Meridian **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Meridian

CENTRAL As ITV1 except: 12.50-1.00pm ITV News Central **6.00-6.20** ITV News Central **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Central

ITV WALES As ITV1 except: 12.50-1.00pm ITV News Cymru Wales **6.00** ITV News Wales at Six. The latest headlines. **6.20-6.30** Party Election Broadcast. By the Welsh Labour Party. **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Cymru Wales

WEST As ITV1 except: 12.50-1.00pm ITV News West Country **6.00-6.20** ITV News West Country **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country

ANGLIA As ITV1 except: 12.50-1.00pm ITV News Anglia **6.00-6.20** ITV News Anglia **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Anglia

WESTCOUNTRY As ITV1 except: 12.50-1.00pm ITV News West Country **6.00-6.20** ITV News West Country. The latest headlines. **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country

S4C 6.00am Cyw **11.00** Dysgu Gyda Cyw **12.00noon** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Cymry ar Gynfas **12.30** Heno **1.00** Codi Hwyl **1.30** Garddio a Mwy **2.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **3.05** Canu gyda Fy Arwr **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh **6.00** Cais Quinnell. Scott Quinnell takes part in a Drag masterclass. **6.25** Darllediad Etholiadol. By Welsh Labour. **6.30** Rownd a Rownd. Iolo makes a decision about the future. **6.57** Newyddion S4C **7.00** Heno. Magazine. **7.30** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol y Cwm. DJ isn't happy that Sioned has invited Maya to the fundraising event in Tamed and Lleucu is worried about her father's mental health. **8.25** Ma'i Off 'Ma. Lambing season has begun at Penparc Farm and the family are busier and more on edge than ever as they wait to find out if the new embryo venture succeeds. **8.55** Newyddion **9.00** Pawb a'i Farn: Etholiad 2024. The latest from the Pawb a'i Farn team on the 2024 General Election. **10.00** Ceffylau, Sheikhs a Chowbois **10.30-11.35pm** Yr Anialwch

Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am SSN Euro Report **7.00** Good Morning Euros. Round-up of the all the news.
10.00 LIVE **Tennis** The Berlin Ladies Open. Coverage of day three of the WTA event, a grass-court tournament that takes place at Rot-Weiss Tennis Club in Germany, featuring matches in the second round.
3.00pm LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** USA v South Africa. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, North Sound.
7.30 SSN Euro Matchday **8.00** SSN Euro Matchday **9.00** SSN Euro Matchday **10.00** SSN Euro Report **10.30** Back Pages Tonight. Tomorrow's papers. **11.00** SSN Euro Report
1.00am LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** England v West Indies. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium.
5.30-6.00am SSN Euro Report

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am ICC Men's T20 World Cup
3.00pm LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** USA v South Africa. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, North Sound.
7.30 Dreams of a Nation **8.30** Best of ICC WT20 **9.00** ICC 2016 World T20 Final **9.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **10.30** Dreams of a Nation. The 2023 Cricket World Cup promised to be a special event. Could England retain their title? Would host country India's dreams come true? This documentary looks back. **11.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup
1.00am LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** England v West Indies. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium.
5.30-6.00am Best of ICC WT20

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am EFL **8.30** Jimmy Glass: The Great Escape **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro **12.00noon** EFL Greatest Games **1.00** EFL Cup Highlights **2.00** EFL **4.00** EFL Rivalries **5.30** EFL **6.00** EFL Greatest Games **7.00** EFL Cup Highlights. Bradford City v Swansea City. The 2013 final at Wembley Stadium, where the Bantams were aiming to produce another cup upset. **8.00** EFL **9.00** EFL **10.00** EFL **11.00** EFL Greatest Games **1.00am** Championship Retro **3.00** EFL Cup Retro **5.00** Best Goals: EFL Cup 2022/23 **5.30-6.00am** Best Goals: Efl Cup 23/24

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am NBA on Fire **6.30** European Rally Championship Highlights **7.00** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **7.45** Women's One-Day International Cricket. India v South Africa.
8.45 LIVE **Women's One-Day International Cricket** India v South Africa. Coverage of the second ODI in the three-match series from M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Karnataka, Bengaluru.
5.30pm LIVE **MLB** Miami Marlins v St Louis Cardinals (Start time 5.40pm). Miami Marlins v St Louis Cardinals (Start-time 5.40pm). Coverage of the match at LoanDepot Park.
8.45 TNT Sports Reload. The best bits.
9.00 LIVE **MLB** Washington Nationals v Arizona Diamondbacks (Start-time 9.05pm). Coverage of the match at Nationals Park.
12.15am MLB Plays of the Week **12.45** UFC **3.45** TNT Sports Reload **4.15** UEFA Europa League Goals Reload **4.30** UEFA Champions League – Stories of the Finals **5.00-6.00am** UEFA Champions League Goals Show Retro

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am WSL Championship Tour **7.00** WWE Monday Night Raw **9.30** Sign Up – Into Football **9.45** What I Wore **10.00** EuroCup Basketball **3.00pm** Badminton **5.00** WWE SmackDown Highlights **6.00** WWE Raw Highlights **7.00** TNT Sports Reload **7.30** Badminton Weekly **7.45** European Rally Championship Highlights **8.15** Sign Up – Into Football **8.30** Premier League Stories **9.00** WWE Raw Highlights **10.00** NWSL **11.00** NWSL
12.00m't LIVE **NWSL** NJ/NY Gotham FC v San Diego Wave FC (Kick-off 12.00am). Coverage of the match from Red Bull Arena.
2.15 WSL Championship Tour **3.15** Badminton **5.15** Badminton Weekly. The latest news. **5.30-6.00am** MLB Plays of the Week

EUROSPORT 1

6.00am British Speedway **7.00** European Fencing Championships **8.00** Roland-Garros **9.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland **10.00** Archery World Cup **11.00** Mountain Biking **12.00noon** Triathlon PTO Tour **1.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland **2.00** Cycling: U23 Giro d'Italia **3.00** Roland-Garros **4.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland **5.00** Cycling: U23 Giro d'Italia. Highlights. **6.00** Olympic Games: The Power of the Olympics **6.30** Olympic Games: Chasing Glory **7.30** Olympic Games: Breaking Life **8.00** Olympic Games: Breaking Life **8.30** Olympic Games: The Olympians **8.40** Breaking Boundaries **9.00** Mountain Biking **10.00** Mountain Biking **11.00** Olympic Games: Chasing Glory **12.00m't** British Speedway **1.00** European Fencing Championships **2.00** The Cycling Show **2.30** Olympic Games: The Power of the Olympics **3.00** Olympic Games: Breaking Life **4.00** European Fencing Championships **5.00-6.00am** Bennetts British Superbikes

Entertainment & Factual

ITV3 Freeview 10

6.00am Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **10.30** The Royal **11.40** Heartbeat **1.40pm** Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.50** Inspector Morse **5.55** Heartbeat **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Wire in the Blood **11.45** The Royal **12.35-2.30am** Upstairs, Downstairs

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am The Derby Through the Years **6.20** Minder **7.15** The Sweeney **8.20** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **9.30** ITV Racing: The Opening Show **10.35** Kojak **11.35** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **12.45pm** River Monsters **1.15** Football League Legends **1.30** LIVE ITV Racing: Royal Ascot **4.20** World of Sport **4.40** The Sweeney **5.50** LIVE ITV Racing: Royal Ascot. The final race on the second day. **6.30** River Monsters **7.00** The Motorbike Show. Henry Cole joins the Bike for Life ride out. **8.00** Junk and Disorderly **9.00** The 1% Club **10.00** All Elite Wrestling: Collision **12.00m't** Monster Carp **1.00** The Sweeney **1.55** The Chase Celebrity Special **2.50-3.00am** Unwind with ITV

5STAR Freeview 32

8.00am Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors **5.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly **6.00** Home and Away **7.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **9.00** Skin A&E **10.00** Accused: Stabbed My Neighbour or Defended Myself? **11.00** FILM Rise of the Footsoldier 3 (2017/18) ★★★ **1.00** A&E After Dark **2.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **2.50** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **3.35-4.00am** Home and Away

REALLY Freeview 17

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** The Edinburgh Auction House **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Antiques Road Trip **4.00** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Face Doctors **10.00** Botched Bariatric **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00m't** Unexplained: Caught on Camera **1.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **2.00** Teleshopping **4.00-6.00am** Animal Cops San Francisco

5ACTION Freeview 33

9.00am Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! **9.30** Outback Truckers **10.30** Traffic Cops **11.35** FILM Belle Starr (1941/U) ★★ **1.20** FILM Ocean's 11 (1960/PG) ★★★ **4.00** Outback Truckers **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00** Police Interceptors **9.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **10.00** Warship: Life at Sea **11.05** FILM Above the Law (1988/18) Martial arts thriller. ★★★ **1.05** Fights, Camera, Action! **2.05** Trucking Hell **3.55-4.00am** Entertainment News on 5

SKY ARTS Freeview 36

6.00am Romeo and Juliet **8.05** The Joy of Painting **9.05** Tales of the Unexpected **10.05** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.05** Discovering: Gary Oldman **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected

Fire Country
Sky Witness, 9pm

The season finale of the drama and freedom hangs on the line for Bode (Max Thieriot, left). First, though, a mudslide tears through Edgewater, putting Station 42 and Three Rock on high alert.

2.00 Classic Literature & Cinema **3.00** John Wayne: America at All Costs **4.00** Discovering: Bruce Willis **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **8.00** Portrait Artist of the Year 2022 **9.00** Klimt and The Kiss **10.10** The Eighties **11.10** Greatest Albums Live **12.35am** Long Hot Summers: The Story of the Style Council **2.00** Bill Bailey's Musical Master Crafters: Juniors **3.00** Wonderland: From JM Barrie to JRR Tolkien **4.00** Cheltenham Literature Festival **5.00-6.00am** Auction

GOLD

7.10am The Fosters **8.05** The Green Green Grass **9.20** My Hero **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.40** Still Open All Hours **11.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40pm** The Green Green Grass **1.20** My Hero **2.00** Still Open All Hours **2.40** Dad's Army **3.20** Are You Being Served? **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** Still Open All Hours **6.00** The Green Green Grass **6.40** Dad's Army **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.40** The The Thin Blue Line **9.20** dinnerladies **10.00** The Royle Family **10.40** Bottom **11.20** The Office **12.00m't** Only Fools and Horses **12.40** The Thin Blue Line **1.20** dinnerladies **2.00** The Royle Family **2.30** Bottom **3.10-4.00am** The Office

YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.10am Classic Car Garage **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The World at War **11.00** World War Weird **12.00noon** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World at War **5.00** World War Weird **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Bangers & Cash **8.00** Great Coastal Railway Journeys **9.00** Joanna Lumley's Japan **10.00** Bangers & Cash **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00m't** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Abandoned Engineering **2.00-3.00am** Secrets of the Transport Museum

ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** The Coroner **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **7.00** Elementary **8.00** Father Brown **9.00** Alaska Daily **10.00** Death in Paradise. Drama. **11.20** Elementary **12.20am** CSI: Vegas **1.15** Unforgettable **2.20-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

SKY MAX

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** An Idiot Abroad **9.00** S.W.A.T **10.00** Rob & Romesh vs The Three Lions **11.00** A League of Their Own: Mexican Road Trip **12.00m't** Brassic **1.00** The Walking Dead **2.00** Banshee **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **7.55** Six Feet Under **10.05** Gomorrah **12.15pm** Game of Thrones **1.20** The Sopranos **3.30** Six Feet Under **5.40** Gomorrah **7.55** Game of Thrones **9.00** The Sympathizer **10.10** True Detective: Night Country **11.20** The Pacific **12.25am** The Wire **1.40** The Newsroom **2.50** Game of Thrones **4.00-6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

SKY WITNESS

6.00am Sun, Sea and A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** Highway Patrol **9.30** Caught Red Handed **11.00** Blue Bloods **12.00noon** New Amsterdam **1.00** 9-1-1 **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Caught Red Handed **4.30** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Fire Country. Action drama. **10.00** 9-1-1 **11.00** The Rookie **12.00m't** FBI **1.00** FBI: International **2.00** Road Wars **4.00** The Force: Manchester **5.00-6.00am** Air Ambulance ER

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **10.00** Sort Of **10.30** Veep **11.40** Entourage **12.50pm** High Maintenance **2.10** Veep **3.20** Entourage **4.30** Sort Of **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** The Conners **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Leo Reich: Literally Who Cares?! **10.15** And Just Like That **11.45** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **12.45am** Silicon Valley **2.00** Sort Of **3.00** Random Acts of Flyness **3.40-5.00am** High Maintenance

DISCOVERY

6.00am How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Blowing Up History **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Texas Metal **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00pm** Barnwood Builders **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **6.00** Texas Metal **7.00** Bitchin' Rides **8.00** Garage Squad **9.00** Deadliest Catch **10.00** NEW Sin City Tow **11.00** Outback Truckers **12.00m't** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **1.00** Deadliest Catch **2.00** Sin City Tow **3.00-5.00am** Gold Rush

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Food Factory **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Fiennes: Return to the Wild **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand **4.00** Seconds from Disaster **5.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Hitler Youth: double bill **10.00** Nazi Megastructures. The German air force. **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Situation Critical **1.00** Europe from Above **2.00** Abandoned **2.30** Food Factory **3.20** Made in a Day **4.10-5.00am** Exotic Animal ER: Double Dose

Radio

BBC RADIO 1

97.6-99.8MHz 6.57am Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Sam and Danni **10.30** Newsbeat **10.32** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Dean and Nat **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie on Radio 1 **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders **8.00** Radio 1's Future Pop with Mollie King **10.00** Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri **11.00** Benji B **1.00am** Radio 1's Dance Anthems **2.00** The Radio 1 Interview **2.15** Radio 1 Playlists **2.30** 6 Degrees from Jamie and Spencer **3.00** Radio 1 Relax **4.00** Radio 1 Dance **5.00-6.57am** ΩBreakfast with Arielle Free

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whiley **9.00** The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe **10.00** DJ Spoony's Magnificent 7 **10.30** DJ Spoony's Rhythm Nation **12.00m't** OJ Borg **3.00** Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **3.00** Choral Evensong **4.00** Composer of the Week: Dvorak **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert **9.45** The Essay: The Sounds of Tyne

CHOICE

Jessica Fostekew: Sturdy Girl Club
Radio 4, 6.30pm

Stand-up comic, actor, writer and weightlifter Jessica Fostekew takes her look at 'unladylike' sports – and the women who play them – by turning her attention to rugby. England's Red Roses are the top-ranked international side in the world – what is it that makes some people think of rugby as unfeminine?

10.00 Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

BBC RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today **9.00** More or Less **9.30** To Catch a Scorpion **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** File on 4 **11.45** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.00noon** News **12.04** You and Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Understand: The UK Election **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama **3.00** Money Box Live **3.30** The Artificial Human **4.00** The Media Show **5.00** PM **6.00** News **6.30** Jessica Fostekew: Sturdy Girl Club **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** The Moral Maze **9.00** The Long View **9.30** All in the Mind **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime **11.00** Bunk Bed **11.15** Chloe Petts' Toilet Humour **11.30** Munya Chawawa's Election Doom Scroll **12.00m't** News **12.30** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.48** Shipping **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.20** Shipping Forecast **5.30** News **5.43** Prayer for the Day **5.45-6.00am** Farming

BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

693/909kHz 6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Naga Munchetty **1.00pm** 5 Live Sport **2.00** 5 Live Sport **4.00** 5 Live News **4.30** 5 Live Sport **5.00** 5 Live Sport **7.00** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport **10.30** 6-0-6. Your football calls. **11.30** Johnny I'Anson **1.00am** Dotun Adebayo **5.00-6.00am** Wake Up to Money

BBC RADIO WALES

FM: 94.6MHz 6.00am News Update **6.05** Wake Up with Radio Wales **6.30** We Can't Go on Eating Like This **7.00** Radio Wales Breakfast **9.00** Wynne Evans **12.00noon** The Phone In **2.00** Behnaz Akhgar **5.00** Radio Wales Drive **6.30** Country Focus **7.00** Bronwen Lewis **10.00** Nathan Sussex **12.00m't** Relax **1.00-6.00am** As Radio 5 Live

CLASSIC FM

100-102MHz 6.30am Classic FM Breakfast with Dan Walker **9.00** The Classic FM Hall of Fame Hour with Dan Walker **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00pm** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Sam Pittis **7.00** Relaxing Evenings **10.00** Calm Classics **1.00am** Bill Overton **4.00-6.30am** Early Breakfast

ABSOLUTE RADIO

DAB 6.00am Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Emil Franchi **1.00-6.00am** Dan Noble

Movies

FILM4

11.00am It Should Happen to You (1954/U) Comedy, starring Judy Holliday. ★★★★
12.45pm The Yellow Balloon (1953/PG) Crime drama, starring Andrew Ray. ★★
2.20 Hangman's Knot (1952/PG) Western, starring Randolph Scott. ★★★★
4.00 Young Winston (1972/PG) Biopic of Winston Churchill, with Simon Ward. ★★★
6.50 Assassin's Creed (2016/12) Action adventure, starring Michael Fassbender. ★★
9.00 Hitman (2007/15) Thriller, with Timothy Olyphant and Dougray Scott. ★★★★
10.50 Mission: Impossible – Fallout (2018/12) Action thriller, starring Tom Cruise. ★★★★
1.40-3.40am Little Fockers (2010/12) Comedy sequel, starring Robert De Niro. ★★★

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.50am Ride On (2023/PG) See 3.40am for details. ★★★★
9.10 Boonie Bears: Guardian Code (2023/PG) Animated adventure, with the voice of Joseph S Lambert. ★★★
10.50 The Great Escaper (2023/12) See 6.10pm for details. ★★★★
12.35pm Meg 2: The Trench (2023/12) Thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. ★★★
2.35 Ruthless (2023/15) Action thriller, starring Dermot Mulroney and Jeff Fahey. ★★★★
4.25 Am I OK? (2022/15) Romantic comedy drama, starring Dakota Johnson. ★★★
6.10 The Great Escaper (2023/12) Drama, starring Michael Caine. ★★★★
8.00 Blue Beetle (2023/12) Fantasy adventure, starring Xolo Mariduena. ★★★
10.10 The Exorcist: Believer (2023/15) Horror sequel, starring Leslie Odom Jr. ★★★
12.10am American Star (2024/15) Thriller, starring Ian McShane. ★★★
2.00 Ruthless (2023/15) See 2.35pm for details. ★★★★
3.40-6.00am Ride On (2023/PG) Action drama, starring Jackie Chan and Liu Haocun. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

4.10pm Emma (1996/U) Drama, with Gwyneth Paltrow and Jeremy Northam. ★★★★
6.15 Lamborghini: The Man Behind The Legend (2022/12) Drama, with Frank Grillo and Mira Sorvino. ★★★
8.00 Don't Worry Darling (2022/15) Thriller, starring Florence Pugh. ★★★★
10.05 Mr Holmes (2015/PG) Mystery, with Ian McKellen and Laura Linney. ★★★★
12.05am The Dry (2020/15) Drama, with Eric Bana and Genevieve O'Reilly. ★★★★
2.05 Wildhood (2021/15) Drama, with Michael Greyeyes and Steve Lund. ★★★
3.55 It Is In Us All (2022/15) Drama, with Cosmo Jarvis and Rhys Mannion. ★★★
5.35-7.20am Six Minutes to Midnight (2020/12) Drama, with Judi Dench. ★★★

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

4.00pm Twins (1988/PG) Comedy, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito. ★★★
5.55 Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser and Josh Hutcherson. ★★
7.35 Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (2012/PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Dwayne Johnson and Michael Caine. ★★★
9.15 Breaking Point (2023/12) Drama, starring Kelvin Clarke and Karam Singh. ★★★
11.05 Blueback (2022/PG) Drama, starring Mia Wasikowska and Eric Bana. ★★★
12.55am Robo-Dog (2015/PG) Family sci-fi adventure, starring Michael Campion. ★★★
2.35 The Spy Next Door (2010/PG) Comedy, starring Jackie Chan. ★★★
4.15 Problem Child (1990/PG) Comedy, starring John Ritter and Michael Oliver. ★★★
5.40-7.10am Step Dogs (2013/U) Family comedy, starring Joris Jarsky. ★★

TALKING PICTURES TV

5.35pm Bonanza
7.00 Dixon of Dock Green
8.05 The Human Jungle
9.05 Gideon's Way
10.10pm Jekyll and Hyde (1990/15) Horror, starring Michael Caine. ★★★
12.30am Maigret Mystery drama.
1.35 The Undercover Man (1949/PG) Crime thriller, starring Glenn Ford. ★★★
3.20 Stop Me Before I Kill! (1960/18) Thriller, starring Ronald Lewis. ★★★
5.25-6.00am Murder at the Grange (1952/U) Mystery, starring Frank Hawkins. ★★★

GREAT! MOVIES

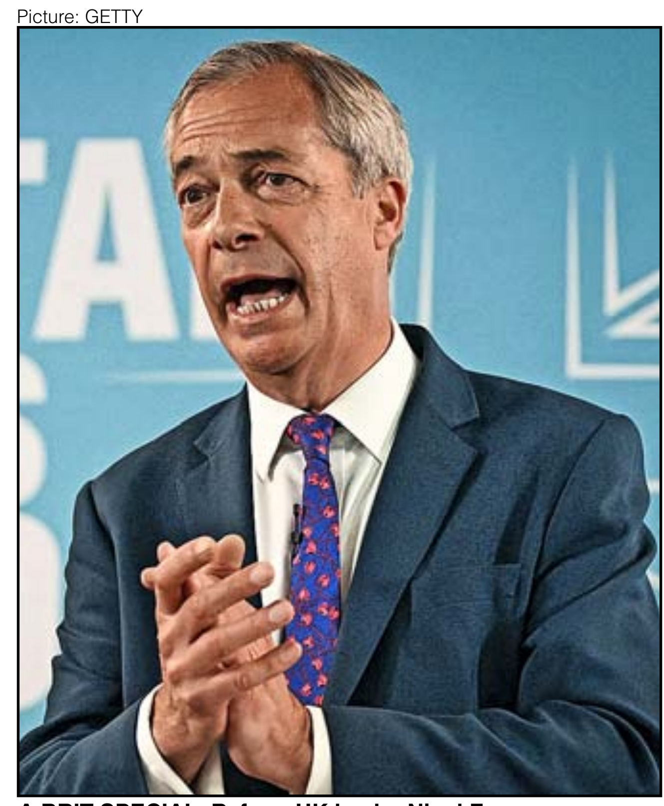
5.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: Freedom to Give (2014/PG) Mystery, starring Eric Mabius and Kristin Booth. ★★
7.05 Lost Letter Mysteries: Reunited
9.00 Trigger Point (2021/12) Thriller, starring Barry Pepper and Colm Feore. ★★★
10.55 How I Spent My Summer Vacation (2012/15) Crime thriller, starring Mel Gibson and Kevin Hernandez. ★★★
1.00am Disturbing the Peace (2020/15) Thriller, with Guy Pearce and Devon Sawa. ★★
4.00-6.00am Two Wrongs (2015/PG) Thriller, starring Gillian Zinser and Ryan Blakely. ★★★

Letters

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Letter of the day

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A BRIT SPECIAL: Reform UK leader Nigel Farage

Reform vital after 14 years of Tory failure

THE already tired Conservative mantra of "a vote for Reform is a vote for Labour" really does expose how profoundly bereft of ideas the party now is ("PM: Vote for Reform risks generation under Labour", June 18).

Reform UK offers hope, fresh policy choice and a strong leader around whom the centre-right can coalesce and provide the robust opposition needed against an inevitable albeit undesirable Labour landslide.

There has been nothing remotely robust about the Tories in government, let alone in opposition. As Nigel Farage has observed, something is happening out there and that something does not involve rewarding the Tories for 14 years of failure.

Matthew Batson,
Coventry

A Labour win would put UK at mercy of bullies

LABOUR'S manifesto had to be agreed with the unions before launch so it's safe to assume that if you're in a big union you can expect settlements on all your outrageous wage and benefit claims, and look forward to more favourable treatment. If you are a hardworking individual without someone to negotiate on your behalf, you will have to pick up the tab for this.

Labour no longer represents the working man. It is beholden to bullies. If it achieves the predicted landslide victory, this country will be in a terrible position.

Will Stebbings,
Rutland

Global warming? We just called it British weather

JAMES Whale wonders how our hottest spring could become the coldest summer ("Blame global warming for this awful summer", June 17).

But my generation saw the snow and bitter -27C temperatures of 1947 turn into the East of England floods of 1953 – and the three months of snowdrifts in the winter of 1963 become the scorching nine weeks of drought of 1976. In those days we knew nothing of global warming, so called it "weather".

Roy Daniels,
Luton, Beds

Eco-wokes change tack to claim moral high ground

HUSH your mouth James Whale, the eco-zealots have done away with "global warming" because what's happening to the climate doesn't fit that tale.

It's "climate change", old boy, because that fits every scenario and people who want to go on a foreign holiday, drive a normal car and stay warm in their gas-heated homes can be vilified by Sir David Attenborough, Chris Packham and the rest on the altar of it.

Barrie Warren,
Bury, Lancs

Corporal punishment the only way to stop this rot

JAMES Whale is right ("Time to get tough with little killers", June 17).

The rot set in when, because a few people abused their children, the government decreed we should not smack our kids. Consequently, many are out of control and can literally get away with murder.

If we don't have the prison cells to cage them all up let's reintroduce the birch for all minor offences.

Until these youngsters are taught there is a line you don't cross, things will only get worse.

Jackie Willard,
Forest Gate, Gtr London

Young killers need 'tough love' of military discipline

JAMES Whale is right, we should get tough with "little killers".

The two 12-year-olds who murdered Shawn Seesahai in a Wolverhampton park will likely never experience any real punishment. If they're sent to a youth offenders' institute, there will be little rehabilitation or remorse. If Rishi Sunak wants to reintroduce National Service then let's apply a strict military-style regime on these boys, where training, discipline, responsibility and retribution are not optional. Give them the tough love they should have had years ago and release them when reformed.

Mike Crump,
Bridgnorth, Salop

Singing praises of writer so in tune with our views

JUST a little praise for James Whale; everything in his column he is so right about (June 17).

Well said James, keep going.

Annette Hale,
Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset

Ramming calf showed a disgusting lack of sense

ON NUMEROUS occasions, as a traffic patrol officer in a rural county, I herded cows or sheep off the roads into a field or enclosed area, and it did mean getting out of the car. The recent event showed a lack of common sense and knowledge ("Officer who rammed calf twice 'removed from frontline duties'", June 17).

If they were ordered to carry out this manoeuvre then that person should be removed from their current role. Disgusting behaviour by the force.

Brian Howlett,
Thorpe St Andrew, Norfolk

Herd mentality of police who won't stop marchers

SO THE police will happily run a cow down twice after escaping from a field, but won't lift a finger to stop the Palestine marches in London.

Lesley Mitchell,
Christchurch, Dorset

Officers trying to protect us need our full support

A POLICE officer escorts a woman off a bus in handcuffs, she is later found to have paid her fare, and the officer is found guilty of an assault ("Bus fare arrest PC fined £1.5k", June 15). To protect the public, a police officer uses his vehicle to stop a cow roaming the streets, and is removed from frontline duty.

Looks like our police are damned if they do and damned if they don't.

Alex Stephen,
Buckie, Moray

Goalposts seem to have moved on fair gameplay

HAVING watched England's first game, it looks as if it will be another "nearly" tournament ("Fans' relief after Three Lions win", June 17). Football has altered quite a lot since the days of Sir Bobby Charlton and not necessarily for the better.

Geoff Manning,
Lower Kingswood, Surrey

Without Jack in the box a Euros win will be difficult

THE game against Serbia showed up Gareth Southgate's error – what crosses into the box came in from the left? The answer: none.

Think back to the 2020 Euros and who was supplying the crosses from the left? Yes, the Luke Shaw/Jack Grealish partnership.

Brian May,
Hollywood, W Mids

Our Royal Family leads by example as they serve us

THE monarchy has been through a lot with the passing of the Queen, Harry and Meghan's self-centred behaviour and now Kate and Prince Charles's cancer.

However, they have rallied round and continued to serve the country. William has been a rock supporting Kate and his father while steadfastly continuing his duties. How excited the children must be that their mother is now on the mend.

Peter Rushton,
Chorley, Lancs

WOULD YOU BUY TICKETS TO SEE SIR PAUL McCARTNEY, 82?

Yes

THIS man is a living legend. And as he proved when he headlined Glastonbury in 2022 during a set which lasted more than two hours, he's still got it after all these years ("Macca: I'll Get Back on tour...", June 18).

The Beatles were the greatest band in the history of pop music – and they split up 54 years ago. Their music still sounds like it was recorded last week and Macca is still going strong. God bless him.

I'll be the first in the queue when tickets go on sale. I grew up on this man's great music.

Caroline Walters,
Liverpool

No

NOBODY can deny The Beatles' influence on just about every successful artist who has picked up a guitar since.

But I'm no great fan of so-called "legacy artists". I'd rather see what was coming next, not what was great decades ago that has already proved its worth. I find it a bit pointless.

I do still play some of the old Beatles albums, they were years and years ahead of their time, and Sir Paul McCartney was their main driving force.

But if I was him, I'd put my feet up.

Jen Davidson,
Brighton

TODAY: Wednesday June 19, 2024

ON THIS DAY



DAILY EXPRESS

118 killed in Trident crash

NO SURVIVORS

52 years ago (1972)
We revealed the aftermath of Britain's deadliest air crash in which 112 passengers and six crew members were killed.

Brussels-bound Flight BE548 had just taken off from Heathrow Airport when it plunged into a field near Staines, Surrey. A public inquiry blamed pilot error. Its recommendations later led to the mandatory installation of cockpit voice recorders in British-registered planes.

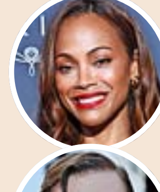
60 years ago (1964)
The Civil Rights Act, guaranteeing equal rights for African-Americans in all aspects of life, was passed by the US Senate.

First proposed by President John F Kennedy, the new legislation banned the unequal application of voter registration requirements and prohibited racial segregation in schools, jobs and public amenities.

42 years ago (1982)
Italian banker Roberto Calvi's body was found hanging from London's Blackfriars Bridge.

Dubbed "God's banker" due to his Vatican connections, Calvi chaired Banco Ambrosiano which collapsed in one of Italy's biggest political scandals. In 2003 prosecutors concluded he was murdered by the Mafia.

BIRTHDAYS



Avatar star **Zoe Saldana** is 46. She speaks fluent Spanish. The Fabelmans star **Paul Dano** turns 40. The actor made his Broadway debut at age 12. Author **Sir Salman Rushdie** is 77. He is a Tottenham Hotspur supporter. Former PM **Boris Johnson** turns 60. He was born in New York City, USA.



TODAY'S GIGGLE
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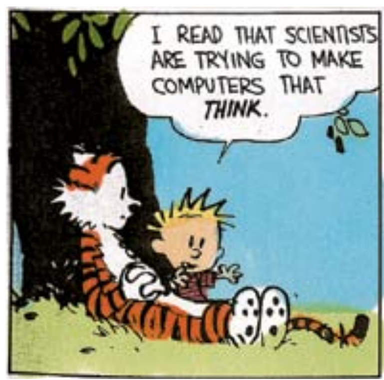
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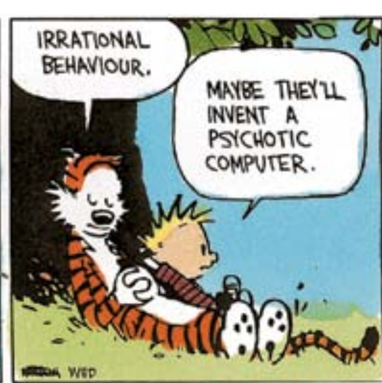
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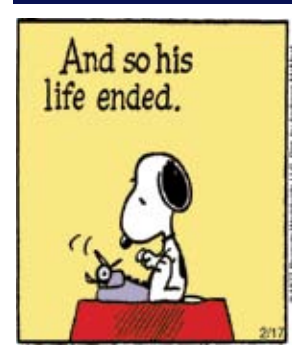
CALVIN AND HOBBES Bill Watterson



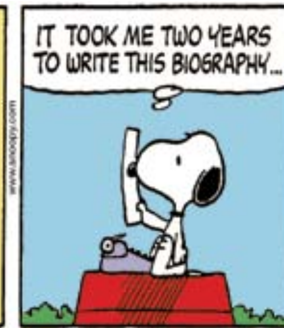


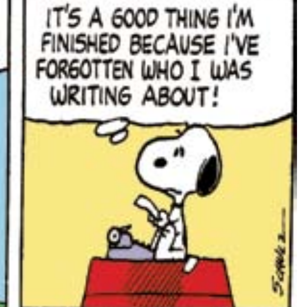


PEANUTS Charles M. Schulz









FAITH, HOPE AND SUE Lisa Wild





RUPERT AND THE ROLLING BALL No 3


Without a word, the stranger bends,
To study both the little friends.

The startled little friends stand quietly as the stranger slowly approaches. The man says nothing for a long time. He walks round and looks closely at them. Then he picks up the ball and peers at it. "That's it, the perfect shape," he murmurs. Still he does not speak to them. At length, Rupert finds his courage. "I don't understand what you want," he says, "but please may I have my ball back?"


He takes the ball, stands and dreams,
"That's it! The perfect shape!" he beams.

Tagliatelle with smoked salmon sauce

Low in fat, high in protein and delicious, salmon is a popular fish. This dish combines its wonderful tastes and textures with tagliatelle to make a tasty supper. Serves 4.

INGREDIENTS

1 tbsp vegetable oil

250g chestnut or button mushrooms, quartered

375g dried or fresh tagliatelle

125g pack of smoked salmon,

3 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

200ml carton half fat crème fraîche

Juice of one lemon

Salad to serve

METHOD

1) Heat the oil in a frying pan, add the mushrooms and cook for 8 minutes until they begin to go brown.
2) Meanwhile, bring a large pan of salted water to the boil. Add the pasta and cook according to the packet instructions.
3) Stir in the salmon, parsley, crème fraîche and lemon juice into the mushrooms and season.
4) Drain the pasta and quickly toss in the creamy sauce
5) Serve immediately with salad and enjoy!

ALAN'S TIP OF THE DAY: Feed dahlias in borders with high potash liquid tomato feed to boost bud and flower formation. Keep them well watered in dry spells, protect from slugs and snails, and tie stems up to stakes as they will need help to support the weight of the flowers.

Russell Grant
Britain's celebrity astrologer



Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20
You will be surprised by how in tune you are with the thoughts and feelings of others around you, even people you hardly know. You seem to be able to sense their mood and needs. This allows you to strengthen relationship bonds.
0905 789 3701**

Taurus Apr 21 - May 21
Avoid making any further commitments to a long-term project until you find out what it is you are in for. Be sensible and take precautions to protect your health and general well-being. Some people will take advantage of your energy.
0905 789 3702**

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Give free rein to your imagination and you could discover a talent that has been lying dormant. Creative and artistic pastimes are a great way to channel your energy. You will get a lot of pleasure from putting your mind to imaginative pursuits.
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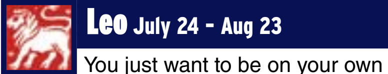
Libra Sep 24 - Oct 23
You will have to assert yourself if you aren't happy with current plans or circumstances. The chance to change things in a close relationship is there but you need to take the initiative. A partner will appreciate your honesty.
0905 789 3707**

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22
If your dreams are to come true you need to be serious about them and you need to believe in yourself. Set long-term goals and create deadlines. You will find it easier to transform dreams into reality when you have a firm plan in mind.
0905 789 3708**

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21
A respected executive has admired your skills from a distance. They recognise your potential and are about to make you an impressive offer. If you've been called for an interview you might want to splash out on some new clothes.
0905 789 3709**

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Travel delays, communication breakdowns and finding parking spaces when you do arrive will try your patience. If running late, try not to let this fluster you. Keep your mobile charged in case you might be late for an appointment.
0905 789 3704**

Leo July 24 - Aug 23
You just want to be on your own and won't be pleased to be surrounded by talkative, meddlesome people. You don't want to get involved in a group project. You just want to get back in touch with your own thoughts, feelings, plans and ideas.
0905 789 3705**



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23
The divide between you and a relative you fell out with is as deep as ever. A past disagreement will never be resolved unless one of you is willing to back down. Your opinions differ considerably. Any chance of resolving the rift is remote.
0905 789 3706**



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20
A heart-to-heart conversation will allow you to air your anger and frustration. Your needs are not being met in a close relationship. If things are to improve, some changes are needed. A partner may need to know you are meeting them halfway.
0905 789 3710**

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19
You've been left on your own to manage a job that other people are finding too difficult to handle. Once the worst is over, a senior colleague will start offering a helping hand. Make certain you get the proper credit for your contribution.
0905 789 3711**

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20
You have mixed feelings about a romance begun online. If you still haven't met each other despite promises to do so, you might wonder whether they are hiding something from you. Talk to a friend you can trust and ask for their honest opinion.
0905 789 3712**

By **Deborah Stone**

We're hot on the scent

REMEMBER when we used to buy air fresheners from supermarkets? To be honest, many of us still do but room fragrances are a growing lifestyle phenomenon and they smell much nicer than traditional sprays. Although scented candles and diffusers have been around for years, room fragrances now come in several different formats and they're not just designed to mask bad smells.

It's all about wellness, de-stressing and lifting your mood while making your home smell nicer using natural ingredients.

For instance, luxury wellness sanctuary The HVN, in London's Knightsbridge, has launched a home fragrance brand that includes candles, diffusers and room sprays in scents such as Forest Bathing and Ice Bathing, that smell gorgeously light and invigorating.

If you're the sort of person who prefers going for a walk in the woods to forest bathing there are other options, such as incense sticks. Not just the old favourite patchouli sticks but complex scents based on the incense burned in temples in the Far East and Middle East.

Sisters Simi and Sam Aydee started their Temple of Incense brand from a market stall in London's Portobello Road in 2012 and now sell fragrances ranging from lavender to oudh. They also offer frankincense resins.

Less exotic but just as life-enhancing are the Potters Crouch family's hand-poured fragrant candles, developed in their St Albans home in the 1980s and still made in Hertfordshire from natural plant extracts.


Temple of Incense sticks come in seven fragrances, from £8 for 20 (templeofincense.com)



Potters Crouch grapefruit, cedar and musk hand-poured candle, £13.99 (potterscrouchcandles.co.uk)



The HVN Forest Bathing room spray, £63 (thehvnbeauty.com)



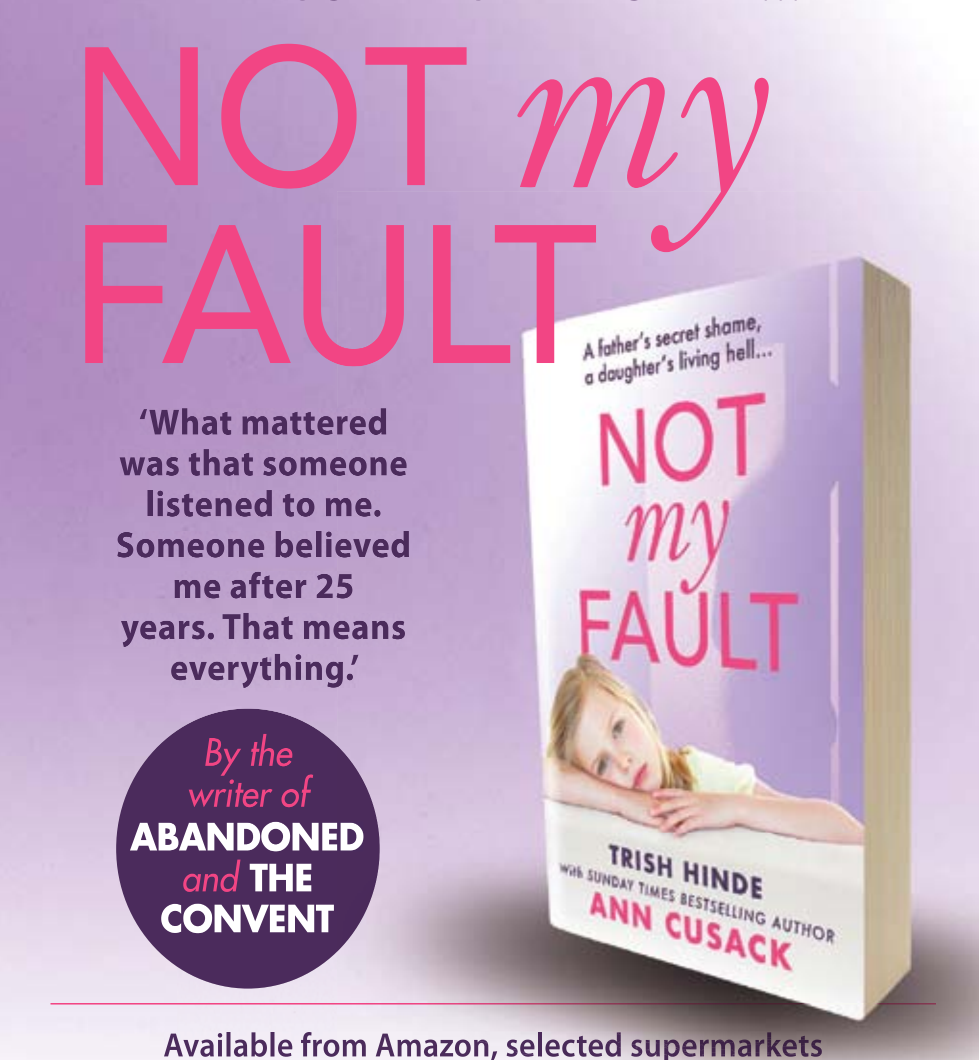
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STOCK MARKET			
FTSE 100	8191.3	▲	+49.1
FTSE 250	20409.9	▲	+250.2
FTSE ALL SHARE	4467.9	▲	+30.4
Shares Traded	10175.8 million		

POPULAR SHARES ON THE RISE		
Abrdn	147¾	+3
Aviva	474¼	+3¾
BAE Systems	1345	+8
Barclays	206	+1
BP	466¾	+6¼
BT Group	141	+2½
Centrica	132¾	+1½
Convatec Group	245	+¾
GSK	1612	+12
Haleon	325	+2
HSBC Holdings	686½	+3½
Int Consolidated Airlines	168	+3
Lloyds Banking Group	55	+½
Marks & Spencer Group	301	+5
National Grid	894¼	+18½
NatWest Group	310¼	+2¼
Rolls-Royce Holdings	468	+6¼
Sainsbury (J)	260¾	+2
Shell	2733½	+7½
Tesco	309¼	+2¼
Unilever	4438	+4
Vodafone Group	70¾	+¾
Whitbread	2955	+52

POPULAR SHARES ON THE SLIDE		
AstraZeneca	12416	-12
Saga	116½	-¾

WORLD MARKETS			
WALL STREET	38,834.9	▲	+56.8
TOKYO	38482.1	▲	+379.7
HONG KONG	17915.5	▼	-20.6
GERMANY	18132.0	▲	+63.8
FRANCE	7628.8	▲	+57.2

STERLING VALUE			
Dollar	1.270	▼	-0.001
Yen	200.294	▼	-0.077
Euro	1.182	▼	-0.001

DOLLAR VALUE			
Dollar/Yen	157.758	▲	+0.0401
Dollar/Euro	0.931	▼	-0.0003

COMMODITIES		
GOLD($)	▲	2329.30
KRUGERRAND(£)	▲	1834.43
SILVER(pence)	▲	2317.34
BRENT CRUDE($)	▲	84.88

OTHER INDICATORS	
Base rate	5.25%
Halifax mortgage rate	5.98%
Retail Price Index	+3.3% (CPI +2.3%)
House price Index	0.7%
Unemployment	1,510,000



TOURIST'S POUND

Australia	1.87 dollar
Canada	1.69 dollar
China	8.54 renminbi
Czech Rep.	27.23 koruna
Denmark	8.38 krone
Eurozone	1.16 euro
Hong Kong	9.32 dollar
Hungary	434.81 forint
Israel	4.42 shekel
Japan	192.40 yen
Jordan	0.84 dinar
Mexico	22.15 peso
New Zealand	1.99 dollar
Norway	12.96 krone
Poland	4.85 zloty
Saudi Arabia	4.50 riyal
South Africa	22.26 rand
Sweden	12.65 krona
Switzerland	1.09 franc
Thailand	44.74 baht
Turkey	38.74 lira
United States	1.25 dollar

Cost-of-living crisis still bites despite inflation level falling

By **Graham Hiscott**

MORE than one in five households say they are still struggling to make ends meet, although grocery price inflation fell for the 16th month running.

Number crunchers Kantar said that the average price of shopping rose by 2.1% in the past month, a long way from the early part of last year when the figure hit a budget-busting 17%.

In separate research, the market research firm also found 36% of households described their financial position as comfortable last month, back to a level not seen since November 2021.

Yet while some previous price hikes have eased, many other day-to-day bills are still rising.

And 22% of households say they are not able to cover their expenses – or are just making ends meet.

22% of households still struggling to make ends meet

Fraser McKevitt, head of retail and consumer insight at Kantar, said: "There are positive signs that many of us no longer feel the need to restrict our spending quite so much, with lower inflation helping to ease the pressure on people's pockets."

Other data published yesterday showed a monthly fall in the number of people being declared insolvent. According to the Insolvency Service, 9,266 individuals entered insolvency in England and Wales in May 2024.

This is 4% lower than in April – but up 3% on a year ago.

While bankruptcies are dropping, the number of debt relief orders – one solution for those unable to repay what they owe – hit another record high.

Steve Vaid, chief executive of the Money Advice Trust, the charity that runs National Debtline, said: "The record numbers of Debt Relief Orders registered reflects the challenges many are facing in keeping their finances afloat.

"Experiencing financial difficulty is often stressful.

"But options like Debt Relief Orders can help remove some of the financial and emotional pressure."

The Insolvency Service also reported a 6% monthly fall in the number of companies going to the wall.

Just over 2,000 firms in England and Wales were registered as insolvent last month, it said.

EV FIRM FISKER FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY



ASSET SALE: The company delivered just 4,700 vehicles last year

US electric car maker Fisker has filed for bankruptcy protection.

The firm raised doubts in February about its ability to remain in business. In March, it paused production of its Ocean sports utility vehicles and said it would cut its workforce by around 15%.

It is the latest EV market to go bankrupt in the past two years. Yesterday, Fisker said it had faced "market and macroeconomic headwinds that have impacted our ability to operate efficiently", adding "proceeding with a sale of assets under Chapter 11 is the most viable path".

The firm made over 10,000 vehicles in 2023, but less than a quarter of its forecast, and delivered only 4,700.

Whitbread enjoys boom at the Inn

HOTEL and pub firm Whitbread reported improved trading in its UK Premier Inn arm.

The firm said total group sales were up 1% to £379million for the three months to May 30, compared with the same period last year. Its German Premier Inn group reported a 15% increase in total sales. CEO Dominic Paul remains confident in "the full-year outlook" amid positive booking levels.

It comes as Whitbread is to close or convert some 200 restaurants and cut 1,500 jobs to add more than 3,500 hotel rooms across its estate.

Ashtead warns over profit fall

EQUIPMENT hire firm Ashtead yesterday announced falling annual profits and warned of slowing rental sales for the year ahead.

The firm rents equipment to the construction, emergency response and entertainment markets across the UK, US and Canada. It made £1.75billion in the year to the end of April, down 2% on the previous 12 months.

Ashtead blamed higher interest rate costs on its debts.

It follows speculation that it may switch its stock market listing to the US in a setback for London.

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COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
3i Group	3079	+28	3085	1848
A.B. Foods	2495#	+4	2738	1929½
Admiral Group	2589	+4	2837	2029
Airtel Africa	119¾	-¾	131½	90¾
Anglo American	2389	+18	2773½	1670¼
Antofagasta	2047	+14	2410	1293
Ashtead Group	5400	-110	6104	4667
AstraZeneca	12416	-12	12600	9501
Auto Trader	814¾	+3¾	829½	587
Aviva	474¼	+3¾	497	369¼
B&M Europ Value Ret	473½	-1	612½	463
BAE Systems	1345	+8	1400	888¼
Barclays	206	+1	220	129¼
Barratt Development	482	-5¾	566½	392¼
Beazley Group	681	+7½	690	503
Berkeley Grp Hldgs	5010	-20	5320	3773
BP	466¾#	+6¼	558	444¼
British Amer.Tob	2425	+16	2735	2267
BT Group	141	+2½	141½	102¼
Bunzl	2998#	+100	3306	2687
Burberry Group	979¾	-6	2257	977¾
Centrica	132¾#	+1½	172½	118½
Coca-Cola HBC	2688#		2804	2065
Compass Group	2217#	+21	2323	1945½
Convatec Group	245	+¾	293½	196¼
CRH	6114#	+4	6898	4102
Croda International	4141	+82	5956	4045
DCC	5650#	+130	6035	4171
Diageo	2558	-17½	3457	2558
Diploma	4154	+30	4252	2804
DS Smith	350½	+3¼	413	263¾
EasyJet	452	+1¾	577¾	360
Entain	665½	-3¾	1403½	654½
Experian Group	3720	+29	3779	2390
F&C Inv Tst	1014	+8	1050	831
Flutter Entert.	14395	-90	17475	12155
Frasers Group	862½	+7	938	683
Fresnillo	542½	-½	654½	441½
GlaxoSmithKline	1612#	+12	1812½	1316
Glencore	453½	+5	501½	369
Haleon	325	+2	341	308½
Halma	2656	+39	2664	1810½
Hikma	1999	+34	2205	1722
HSBC Holdings	686½#	+3½	720¾	575¾
IMI	1800	+7	1901	1445
Imperial Brands	2007#	+13½	2017	1580
Informa	860¾#	+17¾	863	685¾
InterContinental Htl	8264	+128	8752	5210
Intermediate Cap.Grp	2258#	+24	2394	1255½
Intertek Group	4792#	+78	5075	3755
Intl Consolidated Airlines	168	+3	186½	138
JD Sports	117¾#	-2¾	175¼	104
Kingfisher	249#	+3	270½	201¼
Land Securities	621#	+5	725¼	559½
Legal & General	226¾	-¾	256¼	205¾
Lloyds Banking Grp	55	+½	56½	39¾
London Stock Ex	9488	+54	9674	7986
M&G	203¾	+3	238¾	183
Marks & Spencer	301#	+5	311½	185
Melrose	580	+2	677½	446¾
Mondi	1473½	+13½	1604	1179¾
National Grid	894¼#	+18½	1050	838½
NatWest Group	310¼	+2¼	326½	176¼
Next	9040	+2	9426	6582
Ocado	353½	+6	976½	342
Pearson	961½	+9	1042	811
Pershing Square Hold	4306	+12	4349	2704
Persimmon	1404½	-17½	1498	960½
Phoenix Group	484½	+5½	560¾	441½
Prudential	700	+2¾	1129	687½
Reckitt Benckiser	4377	-30	6082	4110
RELX	3591	+23	3606	2442
Rentokil Initial	455½	+7	644	392½
Rightmove	554½	+8	594¾	463
Rio Tinto	5208	+27	5891	4559
Rolls-Royce Group	468	+6¼	469½	145¼
RS Group	731#	+26	839½	660½
Sage Group	1072#	+13½	1282	868
Sainsbury (J)	260¾#	+2	310½	245¾
Schroders	377½	+7½	464½	347¼
Scottish Mortgage	897#	+7	904¼	637½
SEGRO	918¾	+13¾	940	679¼
Severn Trent	2391#	+6	2728	2265
Shell	2733½#	+7½	2946	2264½
Smith & Nephew	987¾	+½	1268	896¼
Smiths Group	1693	+9	1766½	1526
Smurfit Kappa	3578	+16	3882	2554
Spirax-Sarco	8655	+160	11130	8058
SSE	1800	+61	1896	1508
St James's Place	545½	+15½	1183	402
Standard Chartered	722	+2	785¾	573¾
Taylor Wimpey	147½	-1¼	152½	99¾
Tesco	309¼#	+2¼	315	245½
Unilever	4438	+4	4450	3694
Unite Group	906	+3	1057	847
United Utilities	1014½	+3	1125	900¾
Vodafone Group	70¾#	+¾	81	63
Weir Group	2032	+6	2200	1675½
Whitbread	2955#	+52	3678	2855
WPP Group	740¾#	+2¾	873¾	681¼

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MARKET REPORT

SHARES in investment platform **Hargreaves Lansdown** jumped 56.5p to 1,130p yesterday after it confirmed it had received a further non-binding takeover approach from a consortium led by private equity giant CVC.

Its board said it would be willing to recommend the swoop, if a firm bid was made, with a deadline extended to July 19.

HSBC Holdings edged up 3.5p to 686.5p despite regulators ruling that its Swiss private bank failed to conduct proper checks on £236million worth of funds sent between Lebanon and Switzerland during a period of 13 years.

The Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority said the global bank "seriously violated" money laundering rules over its relationship with two politically exposed customers.

Shell rose 7.5p to 2,733.5p after announcing a deal to buy liquefied natural gas trading business Pavilion Energy.

+ BG + Barclays + BT + Centrica + Dixons Carphone + First Group + HSBC + Kingfisher + Marks & Spencer + Next + Prudential + Rolls-Royce + Sainsburys + Tesco + Unilever + Vodafone + Whitbread + WPP

SHARES AT A GLANCE

Aerospace & Defence

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Avon Rubber	1300	+4	1378	593
Babcock International	537	+9½	565½	269
BAE Systems	1345	+8	1400	888¼
Chemring Group	379½	+2½	396	259
QinetiQ Group	450½	+8	459	292¾
Rolls-Royce Group	468	+6¼	469½	145¼
Senior	159½	+1¼	180½	154¼

Alternative Energy

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Porvair	676	+2	730	524

Banks

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Barclays	206	+1	220	129¼
Bco Santander	374	+7½	414	260½
Close Brothers	447¼	+15¾	976½	299¼
CYBG	214½	+½	216¼	142
HSBC Holdings	686½#	+3½	720¾	575¾
Investec	581	+35	590	429½
Lloyds Banking Grp	55	+½	56½	39¾
Metro Bank	36	+¾	124½	28¾
NatWest Group	310¼	+2¼	326½	176¼
Standard Chartered	722	+2	785¾	573¾

Beverages

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Barr (AG)	598	+4	623	451½
Britvic	964#	+9	1018	785½
Coca-Cola HBC	2688#		2804	2065
Diageo	2558	-17½	3457	2558

Chemicals

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Carclo	18¾		19½	6¾
Croda International	4141	+82	5956	4045
Elementis	145½	+2½	156½	98
Johnson Matthey	1560#	+16	1870	1446½
Synthomer	274½	+11½	637½	122½
Treatt	460	+15	700	370
Victrex	1166#	+16	1595	1126

Construction & Materials

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Balfour Beatty	358½#	+8¾	386¼	295½
Clarke T	159¼	-¾	163¾	118½
CRH	6114#	+4	6898	4102
Dialight	193½	-½	237	144
Galliford Try	234	+1	275	192½
Gleeson (MJ)	541	-8	580	350
Keller Group	1256#	+22	1376	673
Kier Group	140	+2¼	149½	74½
Marshalls	306#	+6	329½	198
Morgan Sindall	2630	+60	2630	1706
Severfield-Rowen	71½	+3½	75	50
Smart (J) & Co	125		168½	117½
Tyman	356	+3	396½	236

Electricity

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Drax Group	505½	+19¼	619¾	401½
SSE	1800	+61	1896	1508

Electronic & Electrical Equipment

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Acal	697	+16	910	593
Halma	2656	+39	2664	1810½
Morgan Crucible	318	+9½	331	218½
Oxford Instruments	2630	+60	2730	1712
Renishaw	4125	+105	4370	2950
Spectris	3208#	+48	3807	2935
TT Electronics	152	-5½	185	135¼
XP Power	1402	-158	2440	776

Equity Investment Instruments

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Aberdeen Asian Sml	282#	+1	287	243
Aberforth Smll.Co.	1512	+28	1544	1126
Acorn Income	367½			
Albion Tech.& Gen. VCT	67½#		73½	66
Albion VCT	43¼		47½	43¼
Alliance Trust	1198#	+10	1264	988
Artemis Alpha	372	-1	378	263½
Aurora Inv.Tst	247#	+½	253½	198
AVI Global Tst	236	+1	248	185
Baillie Gifford Japan	718	+4	796	641
Baillie Gifford Shin Nip	111	-¼	147½	105
Bankers Inv.Tst	112¾	+1½	117	92¼
Baronsmead VCT.2	54½		56	50¼
BH Macro GBP	356	+4	386	328
Biotech Growth Trust	965	-15	1024	718
BlackRock Mining	554#	+8	631	492½
Bluehone AiM VCT2	30½		33	29½
British Assets Tst	82½	+1¼	87½	71¼
Brunner Inv.Tst	1310#		1355	966
Caledonia Inv	3440	+30	3660	3110
City Natural Res.Yld	180½	+½	204	152
City Of London	415½	+2	428	371½
Dunedin Ent.IT	512½	+5	565	480
Dunedin Income	280		294	249
Edin Wwide Inv	142½	-1	157	122½
Edin.Drgn.Tst	398	+11	414	325
Edin.Inv.Tst	720#	+5	742	615
Edin.US Tracker	294		298	258½
Elderstreet VCT	44		49	44
European Ass Tst	87¾	-½	91¾	73
F&C Cap&Inc	327#	+1	339	271
F&C Inv Tst	1014	+8	1050	831
F&C Smaller Cos	161½	+1	167½	129
F&C US Smaller Companies	1275	+12½	1360	1065
Fidelity Asian	516		542	476
Fidelity European	392	+5	411	311½
Fidelity Japanese	170	+½	185	152½
Fidelity Special	301#	+3	311½	252½
Finsbury Gwth&In	845	+3	914	792
Foresight Tech.VCT	72½#		84	72½
Gartmore Euro	187#	+1	195½	150
Genesis E.M.F	680	+3¼	720¼	569
Graphite Ent	1252	+32	1262	1046
Hansa Tst 'A'	195½	-2	217	175
Hansa Tst Plc	209		223	180½
Henderson Euro.Tst	158#	+1	164½	124½
Henderson Far Est	238½	+1	250	197¾
Henderson High Inc	158#	+1	172	140¾
Henderson Opp Tst	220#	-3	236	171½
Herald Inv.Tst	2210	+5	2220	1596
HGCapital Tst	490	+15½	499	353½
HSBC Infrastructure	126#	+1¼	139½	117¼
Impax Env.Mkt	392	+1	417	334½
Int.Biotech.Tst	648	-12	694	548
International Public	126½	+1¾	139¼	115½
Invesco Asia	324	+1	348	286
Invesco Perp UK	431		438	379
JPM American	993	+11	996	741
JPM Asian	371	+1	373	313
JPM Claverhouse	718		746	630
JPM Emerg Mkt	106½	+2	108¼	96½
JPM Euro Sml Co	458	+4½	485	354½
JPM Global Emerging	134½		140	117
JPM Indian	983	+11	983	798
JPM Japanese	520	+3	553	438½
JPM Overseas IT	575#	+7	576¼	456
JPM Smaller Co	323#	+1	339	230
JPM US Sml Co	389	+5	412	317
Jupiter Euro	883	+6	915	743
JZ Capital Partners	215		224	149
Keystone Inv.Tst	218	+1	231	183¼
Law Debenture	850#	+14	897	721
Lowland Invest Co	125	+½	130	104½
Majedie Inv	242		252	181
Manchester&Lon	808	+16	826	413½
Martin Currie Prtflo Tst	382		397	299
Matrix Inc & Gwth 4	68		73½	67
Maven Income And Growth VCT	38		40	38
Mercantile Inv Tst	234½	+3½	248	177¾
Merchants Tst	561	+6	591	477½
Mid Wynd Int	784	+6	788	670
Monks Inv.Tst	1182	+16	1194	890
Montanaro Euro Tst	140		145	107¼
Montanaro Uk	108		111½	84¼
Murray Inc.Tst	861	+10	898	770
Murray Int.Tst	252	+3	263	219
New India	792	+6	796	532
New Star Inv.Tst	116		123	109½
North Atl.Smlr.Tst	3900	-20	4190	3420
Northern 2 VCT	54½		56½	54
Northern Venture	57½		60	54
Oxford Tech 2 VCT	11		21½	11
Pacific Assets	382#	+1	389	340
Pacific Horizon	628	+6	657	512
Pantheon Int	310½	-½	334	245½
Pershing Square Hold	4306	+12	4349	2704
Polar Cap.Tech	3340	+55	3340	2105
RCM Technology Trust	397	+8	398½	246
RIT Capital Partners	1816	+62	2010	1718
Ruffer Investment	272	+1½	284½	261
Schroder Asia	526	+3	531	456
Schroder Inc	287½	+2	301	249
Schroder Japan	253		263	217
Schroder UK	171	+2	176	141¾
Schroder UK M&S	618	+1	634	482
Scottish American	508#	+3	536	452
Scottish Mortgage	897#	+7	904¼	637½
Shires Inc	243	+2	253	209½
Small Comp Div.Tst	165½		168	131
SPARK VCT	19½		20½	19
Standard Life Equity	302#	+2½	331	260
Standard Life UK Sml	484½	+3	508	370
SVM UK Emerging	65¼		67½	61½
Temple Bar	257½#	+1	275½	212
Templeton Emrg	161	+2	165½	141
The European Inv.Tst	96¼	+¼	101	75½
Throgmorton Tst	618	+10	641	507
TR Euro.Growth	180¾	+1¼	188½	136
TR Prop. IT	322½	+2½	345	255
Value & Income	185½	+½	210	163
Witan Inv Trust	261½	+2½	270	210½
Witan Pacific	203	-2	243	176
Wwide Healthcare	355#	-1½	358½	288

Financial Services

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
3i Group	3079	+28	3085	1848
3i Infrastructure	325#	+1	348	278½
Abrdn	147¾	+3	236¾	136¼
Ashmore Group	179½	+5¼	232½	166¼
Guinness Peat Group	82¼	+1¾	88¾	64
Hargreaves Lansdown	1130	+56½	1139	690½
IG Group	817½	+9½	822½	611
Intermediate Cap.Grp	2258#	+24	2394	1255½
International Pers Fin	125	+1	131	100½
IP Group	45½		61½	43½
Jupiter Fund Man	78½	+3	115	73½
Liontrust Asset Man	771	+6	855	523½
London Stock Ex	9488	+54	9674	7986
Lonfin	52½		55	32
M&G	203¾	+3	238¾	183
Man Group	249½	+1¾	277¾	202
Paragon Group	776	+20	779½	443½
Provident Financial	51	-1¼	198¼	46¼
Rathbone Brothers	1710	+26	1996	1458
S & U	1892½	-7½	2450	1800
Schroders	377½	+7½	464½	347¼
St James's Place	545½	+15½	1183	402
Tullett Prebon	207	+3½	227½	141
Walker Crips Group	23		26½	20½

Fixed Line Telecommunications

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Airtel Africa	119¾	-¾	131½	90¾
BT Group	141	+2½	141½	102¼
Telecom Plus	1860	-14	1932	1362

Food & Drug Retailers

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Greggs	2878	+20	2940	2282
Marks & Spencer	301#	+5	311½	185
Ocado	353½	+6	976½	342
Sainsbury (J)	260¾#	+2	310½	245¾
Tesco	309¼#	+2¼	315	245½

Food Producers

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
A.B. Foods	2495#	+4	2738	1929½
Anglo-Eastern	678#	+12	790	652
Carr's Milling	140½		149¾	93¾
Cranswick	4455	+80	4465	3170
Glanbia	1541¾		1618¾	1106¼
Greencore Group	165¾	+6¼	176½	68¾
Kerry Grp 'A' Shs	6579¼	+139½	7789¼	6064
Premier Foods	166	+1½	176¼	113¼
REA Holdings	95¾	+2	98½	49¼
Tate & Lyle	680	+8½	760	591

Gas, Water & Multiutilities

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Centrica	132¾#	+1½	172½	118½
National Grid	894¼#	+18½	1050	838½
Pennon Group	604	+9½	767	551
Severn Trent	2391#	+6	2728	2265
United Utilities	1014½	+3	1125	900¾

General Industrials

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Bunzl	2998#	+100	3306	2687
DS Smith	350½	+3¼	413	263¾
Goodwin	7100	-260	7499¼	4200
Melrose	580	+2	677½	446¾
Mondi	1473½	+13½	1604	1179¾
Smiths Group	1693	+9	1766½	1526
Smurfit Kappa	3578	+16	3882	2554

General Retailers

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
ASOS	359	+2¾	449¾	329
Auto Trader	814¾	+3¾	829½	587
B&M Europ Value Ret	473½	-1	612½	463
Caffyns	450		580	433¼
Dixons Carphone	77¼	+¾	79¾	43¾
Dunelm	1057	+8	1191	967
Frasers Group	862½	+7	938	683
Halfords Group	141¾	+¼	234	139¼
Howden Joinery	879	+13	930½	613
JD Sports	117¾#	-2¾	175¼	104
Kingfisher	249#	+3	270½	201¼
Next	9040	+2	9426	6582
Pendragon	385	-2½	795	313
Pets At Home	298#	+3½	397½	254½
RM Group	82	-1	103½	48
Topps Tiles	41¾#	-¾	56½	40½
WH Smith	1191	+8	1618	1083

Health Care Equipment & Services

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Convatec Group	245	+¾	293½	196¼
Flying Brands	1¼		5¾	1
Smith & Nephew	987¾	+½	1268	896¼

Household Goods & Home Construction

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Barratt Development	482	-5¾	566½	392¼
Bellway	2588#	-16	2860	1921
Berkeley Grp Hldgs	5010	-20	5320	3773
Bovis Homes	1204	-12	1310	636
Colefax Group	855		855	655
Headlam Group	144	+½	270	143½
Mcbride	127½	+3	128	25½
Persimmon	1404½	-17½	1498	960½
Reckitt Benckiser	4377	-30	6082	4110
Redrow	673	-13½	739	427½
Taylor Wimpey	147½	-1¼	152½	99¾

Industrial Engineering

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Bodycote	727	+4	768	555
Castings	382	-9	419	326
Hill & Smith	1962#	+20	2100	1458
IMI	1800	+7	1901	1445
Northgate	412	+8½	438	311½
Rotork	328¾	+3¾	343¾	281
Slingsby H.C	310		310	190
Spirax-Sarco	8655	+160	11130	8058
Vesuvius	474	+2½	504	390¾
Vitec Group	318	-6	723¾	272
Weir Group	2032	+6	2200	1675½
Xaar	146	+2	190	91¼

Industrial Metals & Mining

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Evraz	81			
Ferrexpo	43½	+½	95	41½

Industrial Transportation

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Braemar Shipping Serv	288	-3½	310	224
Clarkson	4155	+30	4235	2550
FirstGroup	155	+1½	187¾	139½
Fisher (J) & Sons	315		425	245½
Ocean Wilsons	1300	+5	1475	914
Royal Mail	321½	-1½	336¼	214¼

Leisure Goods

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Games Workshop	9435	-110	11700	9125
Photo-Me Intl	171½	+3¾	182¾	119½

Life Insurance

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Aviva	474¼	+3¾	497	369¼
Chesnara	247½	-2½	286	246½
Legal & General	226¾	-¾	256¼	205¾
Phoenix Group	484½	+5½	560¾	441½
Prudential	700	+2¾	1129	687½

Media

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
4imprint Group	5800	+60	6540	4255
Bloomsbury Publish	618	+6	630	381
Future	995	+2	1145	577
Informa	860¾#	+17¾	863	685¾
ITV	76		79½	55¾
Pearson	961½	+9	1042	811
Reach	91	+3	92	59
RELX	3591	+23	3606	2442
STV Group	278	-2	290½	176½
Wilmington Group	379½		400	257
WPP Group	740¾#	+2¾	873¾	681¼

Mining

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Anglo American	2389	+18	2773½	1670¼
Anglo Pacific	76	-¾	122	70¾
Antofagasta	2047	+14	2410	1293
BHP Billiton	2222	+19	2700	2175
Centamin Egypt	114½#	+1¼	130¼	78¼
Endeavour Mining	1648	+30	1986	1250
Fresnillo	542½	-½	654½	441½
Gem Diamonds	12¼	-¼	21¾	8
Glencore	453½	+5	501½	369
Hochschild Mining	178½	+3¾	188	70¼
Kenmare Res	318	-5½	460	294
London & Ass.Prop	11½		15½	8½
Petra Diamonds	41¾	-¼	76½	37
Rio Tinto	5208	+27	5891	4559

Mobile Telecommunications

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Vodafone Group	70¾#	+¾	81	63

Nonequity Investment Instruments

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Oryx Int.Gwth	1340	+40	1450	1020
Rights &Iss.Inc	2400		2440	1805

Nonlife Insurance

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Admiral Group	2589	+4	2837	2029
Beazley Group	681	+7½	690	503
Direct Line Insurance	199½	+1¼	225¾	134
Hiscox	1132	+8	1240	938
Lancashire	604	-3	689	538

Oil & Gas Producers

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
BP	466¾#	+6¼	558	444¼
Cairn Energy	182½	+11	375¾	142½
Enquest	13½	+½	18½	12
Gulf Keystone Pet	139½	+4¼	146½	84¾
Harbour Energy	296¾	+4½	330	218¼
Regal Petroleum	16¾	+¼	20¾	12¼
Shell	2733½#	+7½	2946	2264½
Soco International	24#	-¾	24¾	18¾
Tullow Oil	33	+¾	39½	26½

Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Hunting	409	+14½	446	197½
John Wood Group	201½	+5¾	202½	125¾
Petrofac	13¼	-1½	87½	10½

Personal Goods

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Burberry Group	979¾	-6	2257	977¾
PZ Cussons	101¾	+1	177	83
Supergroup	6¼	-1	20½	1½
Unilever	4438	+4	4450	3694

Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
AstraZeneca	12416	-12	12600	9501
Genus	1674	-26	2506	1637
GlaxoSmithKline	1612#	+12	1812½	1316
Haleon	325	+2	341	308½
Hikma	1999	+34	2205	1722
Oxford Biomedica	318½	+9½	464½	166¾

Real Estate Investment & Services

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Boot (Henry)	205		228	170
Capital & Regional	62	+¼	62¾	49¼
Cardiff Property	2300#		2450	2240
CLS Holdings	88	+1½	145¾	82
Foxtons	66		71	34¼
Grainger	239#	+2	274¾	217½
Harworth Group	142	+1	145	95½
Mountview Est	9675	-50	11450	9475
Panther Secs	315		315	255
Rightmove	554½	+8	594¾	463
Savills	1138	+18	1178	763½
Wynnstay Props	680		730	625

Real Estate Investment Trusts

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Big Yellow Group	1190	+20	1264	910
British Land	435¼	+7½	444½	291¾
Capital & Counties	141½	+3¾	147½	102½
Derwent London	2340	+36	2402	1779
F&C Commercial	78#	+1¾	84	61
Great Portland Est	345#	+7½	372¾	295¾
Hammerson	28	+¼	29¾	21
Helical Bar	230½	+8½	279½	185
Land Securities	621#	+5	725¼	559½
London & Stamford Prop	196½#	+3	210¼	156½
Primary Health	91¾	+1	106¼	85½
SEGRO	918¾	+13¾	940	679¼
Town Centre	148	+1	160	110
Unite Group	906	+3	1057	847
Workspace Group	580	+19	604	454½

Software & Computer Services

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Computacenter	2908#	+66	2944	2026
Gresham Computing	161		163	114
Intec Telecom	71¾			
Just Eat Takeaway	1014	+8	1467	914
Microgen	368	+8	380	230
Moneysupermarket	226½	+5½	283¾	208
Sage Group	1072#	+13½	1282	868
Triad Group	290		295	105

Support Services

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Ashtead Group	5400	-110	6104	4667
Capita Group	14	+¼	31¼	12½
Costain Group	77¾	+1½	87	43½
DCC	5650#	+130	6035	4171
De La Rue	97	+1½	102	30
Diploma	4154	+30	4252	2804
Essentra	171#	+1	190	143½
Experian Group	3720	+29	3779	2390
Falkland Islands	250		273	205
Ferguson	15810#	+45	17685	11665
Hays	101½	+½	110½	88½
Inchcape	753	+2½	847	624½
Intertek Group	4792#	+78	5075	3755
London Security	3050#		3100	2850
Macfarlane Group	124	+1½	145	99
Mears Group	361	-5	394	253
Michael Page	445½#	+10½	498½	365
Mitie Group	117½	+2	124¼	92
Paypoint	626	-14	645¾	436
Rentokil Initial	455½	+7	644	392½
Ricardo Group	492		610	404
Robert Walters	422	-7	472	353
RS Group	731#	+26	839½	660½
Serco Group	171¾	+2¾	189¾	137
Shanks Group	700	+26	734	450
SIG	26¾	-¼	38	26¼
Smiths News	56½#	-½	65½	40¾
Speedy Hire	28½	-½	37¾	23½
SThree	424½	+2½	439½	332
Travis Perkins	816	+7	914½	692¼
Trifast	70	-1	94	66¼

Technology Hardware & Equipment

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
BATM Advanced	17	-¼	29½	16½
Spirent	185	+¼	200	90

Tobacco

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
British Amer.Tob	2425	+16	2735	2267
Imperial Brands	2007#	+13½	2017	1580

Travel & Leisure

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
888 Holdings	83¼	+½	130	70½
Carnival	1121	+42	1377	811½
Celtic	142½	+2½	145	116
Compass Group	2217#	+21	2323	1945½
Domino's Pizza	323¾	+7½	424½	275¼
EasyJet	452	+1¾	577¾	360
Entain	665½	-3¾	1403½	654½
Flutter Entert	14395	-90	17475	12155
Fuller Smith & Turner	692	-14	728	542
Heavitree	265		290	265
InterContinental Htl	8264	+128	8752	5210
Intl Consolidated Airlines	168	+3	186½	138
Irish Continental Uts	481½		540	366
Marston's	31½	-½	39	25¾
Mitchells & Butlers	303	+4	312½	199¼
National Express	46¼	+¼	110¼	45½
Rank Group	73	+2	103½	62½
Saga	116½	-¾	156	104½
TUI AG	572	-18½	677	401
Wetherspoon (JD)	751½	+6½	847½	613
Whitbread	2955#	+52	3678	2855

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COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Alumasc Group	192½		204	137½
Arbuthnot Banking	957½#	+2½	1105	877½
Boohoo	34¼	+¼	42	29¼
Brown (N.) Group	20½	-½	25	14
Camellia	4280	-40	5950	4270
Churchill China	1175		1470	1000
CML Microsystems	350		460	297½
CPP Group	165½		191½	122½
Cropper (James)	345	-10	845	230
Dewhurst	1190		1200	710
Fevertree Drinks	1002#		1412	952
Filtronic	72¼	+2¾	73	13½
Hornby	21		38½	14½
James Halstead	188½	+½	225	184½
Johnson Service	161	+1½	171¼	101
Mothercare	4¾		8	3¾
Mpac Group	501	+7	530	187½
Naked Wine	61½	+1¼	107¾	28½
Nichols	992	+20	1200	882
Norish	14		15	11
Northamber	39	-3	50½	35
Ovoca Gold	+¾		14	+½
Portmeirion	230		412	204
Renold	58	-1¾	64¾	27¼
Rockhopper Exploratn	15		15¼	10¼
Ten Alps	86½		101	75
Titon Holdings	77½		90	62½
Volex	348	+9½	354½	270
Young & Co Brewery A	988	+22	1230	946

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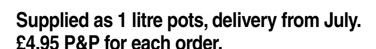
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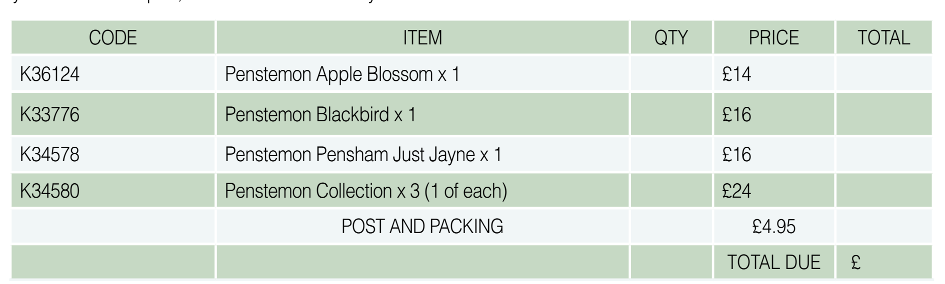
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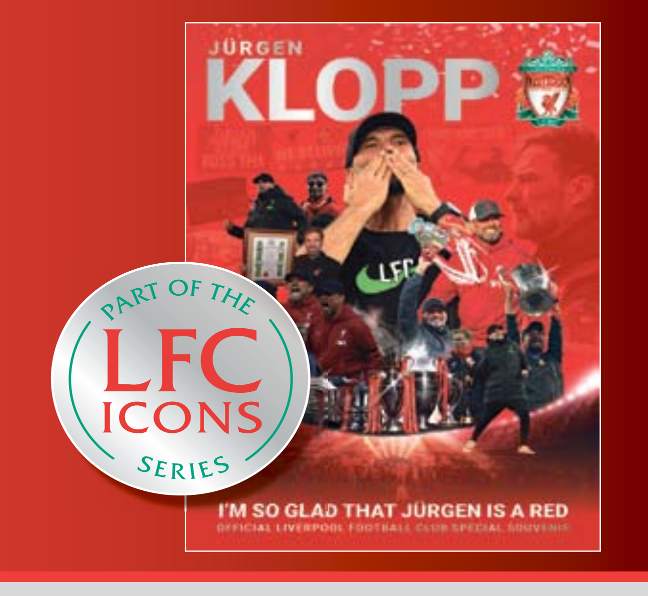




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Racing



A LION HEART Rosallion picks off Henry Longfellow in the St James's Palace

Hannon praise for 'Superman' Lion

By **Melissa Jones**

RICHARD HANNON was on the verge of tears as Rosallion thundered down the track for a thrilling St James's Palace Stakes strike.

Well-backed at 5-2, Sean Levey's battling partner had to work overtime to reel in Henry Longfellow – but persistence paid off.

In a few nervy moments for his supporters, Rosallion was locked in a pocket behind the eventual runner-up and his pace-setting stablemate Unquestionable.

But the gap opened and the second favourite needed no second invitation to erode the deficit, eventually getting ahead of his rival by a neck.

Rosallion finished second to Notable Speech, who trailed home seventh, in Newmarket's 2,000 Guineas before he gained Curragh compensation in the Irish equivalent.

"It's great to be part of a race like that. To win it is one of the most satisfying moments I've had," said Hannon, whose horse had French Classic hero Metropolitan back in third.

"Physically he looks like Superman, he's just a beautiful horse to see every day – that's what we do this job for. When you work him he does it so easily, whoever is on him looks like they are riding a motorbike.

"Racing gives us a lot of disappointments and without them these days wouldn't be so amazing – this is worth everything."

Asfoora (5-1) finished fastest to become the sixth Australian-trained horse to take the King Charles III Stakes.

Run over five furlongs, it was recently renamed as a tribute to Britain's current monarch, who led the royal procession with Queen Camilla.

With Oisin Murphy aboard, Asfoora was cheered to the line by around 50 of Henry Dwyer's support crew, as their mare got the better of Regional and front runner Big Evs.

"It's such a gamble bringing her over and it is such an expensive trip. Hopefully we've paid our way today," said the trainer, who stables less than that number of horses in his homeland.

"This meeting brings the best of the best from around the world together and who would have thought I would get to meet King Charles – it's amazing."

Grey miler Charyn and Silvestre de Sousa dominated by two-and-a-quarter lengths in the opening Queen Anne Stakes.

"He seems to have found another level of form this year," said Roger Varian about the 100-30 favourite.

"You only have to look at him in the paddock physically to see how mature he is – he's a bull of a horse and that is fantastic."

Rashabar gives Billy his first Royal winner

By **Melissa Jones**

WHIZZ-kid Billy Loughnane did the maths to earn £9,000 a second riding his first Royal Ascot winner Rashabar.

In a week when teenagers are sitting their A-Level exams, the 18-year-old made a breakthrough in the £175,000 Coventry Stakes.

Loughnane's pace fractions were spot on as the 80-1 Brian Meehan-trained outsider repelled two onrushing rivals.

The winner, Hollie Doyle's mount Electrolyte (40-1) and 50-1 shot Columnist – both in Wathnan Racing's silks – needed a photo to split them, with Rashabar officially a nose in front of the runner-up, with his owner-mate close-up in third.

With 4-1 favourite Camille Pissarro 11th, huge odds of the first three led to an £83,273 tricast payout for a £1 stake.

"This is the best feeling in the world," said 2023 champion apprentice Loughnane. "I came here this week just praying I would manage to get on the board with one."

Pledgeofallegiance snapped a 28-year losing run for Sir Mark Prescott at the meeting with a battling Ascot Stakes performance.

"He started off in fairly low company and he's finally got there," said jockey Luke Morris, who held at the persistent threat of Divine Comedy by half a length.



YOUNG GUN: Billy Loughnane

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THE SCOUT
5.45 Al Waseela
6.20 Ten Commitments
6.50 Beauld As Brass
7.20 Sisterandbrother
7.50 Fortnum
8.20 Andromedas Kingdom
8.50 Rock N Roll Pinkie

5.45 EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES 2YO £3,725 (Cl 5) 6f 18yds (12 declared)

1 (3) ● **AL WASEELA** W Haggas 9 2 ...... **A Farragher**
2 (4) 9 **COUNTESS CIARA (25)** A Watson 9 2 ...... **J Bryan**
3 (9) **CRISTALINO** K P De Foy 9 2 ...... **B Sayette**
4 (6) 95 **HACKNEY DIAMONDS (9)** B Meehan 9 2 ...... **H Davies**
5 (2) **KOULIKORO** A West 9 2 ...... **Jason Watson**
6 (12) **NAD ALSHIBA RAIN** M Appleby 9 2 ...... **A Rawlinson**
7 (8) **RENEWAL** R Beckett 9 2 ...... **E Greatrex**
8 (10) **SHE'S A DARK HORSE** D Ivory 9 2 ...... **W Cox**
9 (1) **SKYELIGHT** D Ivory 9 2 ...... **J F Egan**
10 (7) **STANDPUT** R Hannon 9 2 ...... **S Hitchcott**
11 (5) 7 **THE MAGIC TURTLE (22)** D Donovan 9 2 ...... **D Keenan**
12 (11) 0 **WATER MUSIC (14)** Harry Eustace 9 2 ...... **G Wood**

W-Factor: Hackney Diamonds (75); Countess Ciara (72); Water Music (61).
SP FORECAST: 3 Cristalino, 4 Al Waseela, 9-2 Renewal, 6 Standput, 7 Countess Ciara, 8 Hackney Diamonds, 12 Nad Alshiba Rain, 20 Others.

6.20 ABBA RACEDAY 6TH JULY HCAP 3YO £4,187 (5) 6f 18yds (9)

1 (2) 2L7 **LET'S GET EM (25)** P & O Cole 9 9 ...... **D Muscutt**
2 (5) 124 **DARK DREAMER (42) (D,F)** R Cowell 9 9 ...... **J Mitchell**
3 (4) 0-50 **BANDELLO (25)** J & S Quinn 9 7 ...... **R Scott**
4 (9) 345 **CHIEDOZIE (11)** C Hills 9 7 ...... **Jason Watson**
5 (3) 43-4 **PERSIAN BLUE (168)** W Haggas 9 7 ...... **A Farragher**
6 (1) 352 ● **TEN COMMITMENTS (8) (F)** J Osborne 9 6 ...... **W Carver(3)**
7 (6) 449 **BONAVENTURE (13)** S C Williams 9 5 ...... **M Ghiani**
8 (7) 27L **WANT WANT (33)** J Chapple-Hyam 9 4 ...... **Sorin Moldoveanu(7)**
9 (8) 575 **KAPPARIS KID (22) (D)** A Carroll 9 2 ...... **W Carson**

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 7 CHEEK PIECES: No. 4 HOOD: No. 6.
W-F: Ten Commitments (81); Chiedozie (80); Bonaventure (79).
SP FORECAST: 9-4 Ten Commitments, 3 Dark Dreamer, 6 Persian Blue, 8 Let's Get Em, Chiedozie, 12 Kapparis Kid, 14 Bonaventure, 16 Others.

6.50 'CONFINED' HANDICAP £4,187 (5) 5f 8yds (10)

1 (1) 304 **STRONG JOHNSON (14) (D)** P Midgley 8 9 11 ...... **Ryan Sexton**
2 (4) 0-50 **MISS BRAZEN (32) (D)** M & D Easterby 4 9 8 ...... **H Russell**
3 (8) 8-24 **DANDY DINMONT (9) (D)** N Tinkler 5 9 7 ...... **F McManoman**
4 (7) 1L-0 **GLENDOWN (14)** T Easterby 4 9 6 ...... **D Fentiman**
5 (2) 75L **FAUSTUS (34) (D)** R Cowell 6 9 6 ...... **J Mitchell**
6 (3) 347 **LITTLE MUDDY (25) (D)** S Spencer 8 9 4 ...... **Dale Swift**
7 (6) 633 **ANGLE LAND (8) (D)** R Cowell 5 9 4 ...... **M Ghiani**
8 (9) 426 **ABOLISH (44)** A Carroll 8 8 13 ...... **Jason Watson**
9 (10) 3-43 ● **BEAULD AS BRASS (22) (D)** A West 4 8 11 ...... **S D Bowen(5)**
10 (5) L87 **FOUR ADAAY (12) (C&D,T)** B Millman 6 8 11 ...... **L Edmunds**

VISOR: No. 7 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 4, 5, 8 HOOD: No. 9.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10.
W-Factor: Miss Brazen (88); Abolish (86); Dandy Dinmont (85).
SP FORECAST: 9-2 Angle Land, 5 Beauld As Brass, 6 Dandy Dinmont, Strong Johnson, 7 Abolish, 8 Miss Brazen, Faustus, Little Muddy, 16 Others.

7.20 NOTTINGHAM RACECOURSE HANDICAP £3,402 (6)1m 2f 50yds (13)

1 (7) 746 **ABU ROYAL (37)** H Main 4 9 11 ...... **R Dawson**
2 (2) 535 **SONNING (20) (D)** D Brooke 6 9 9 ...... **Jason Watson**
3 (4) 112 **LASER FOCUS (8) (D,F)** James Owen 6 9 8 ...... **S D Bowen(5)**
4 (11) 738 **THE PUG (12) (D)** S Kirk 4 9 8 ...... **Shariq Mohd(7)**
5 (12) 681 **BLETCHLEY STORM (53) (D)** G Baker 4 9 7 ...... **D Keenan**
6 (1) 57-0 **SHOWY (35)** J Portman 4 9 7 ...... **J Mitchell**
7 (10) 986 **PRINCESS NIYLA (14)** A Brown 4 9 7 ...... **R Scott**
8 (6) 231 ● **SISTERANDBROTHER (12) (D)** K Frost 6 9 6 ...... **P Mathers**
9 (5) 0-94 **BAILE LOCHA RIACH (28)** D Donovan 4 9 5 ...... **L Catton(5)**
10 (13) 26-1 **FILLYFUDGE (118) (D)** Miss A Murphy 5 9 5 ...... **G Wood**
11 (3) 168 **MC'TED (18) (D)** J Parr 6 9 5 ...... **Alice Bond(7)**
12 (8) 315 **CAREY STREET (26) (D)** A Carroll 8 9 3 ...... **M Ghiani**
13 (9) 7-89 **LILLISTAR (26)** M Hammond 4 8 8 ...... **Josephine Gordon**

BLINKERS: No. 4 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 3, 8, 9 CHEEK PIECES: No. 9 HOOD: No. 8.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 5.
W-Factor: Baile Locha Riach (79); Laser Focus (78); Showy (77).
SP FORECAST: 9-4 Bletchley Storm, 5 Sisterandbrother, 11-2 Laser Focus, 8 Fillyfudge, 10 Baile Locha Riach, 12 Others.

7.50 SHERWOODS HANDICAP 3YO £3,402 (6)1m 2f 50yds (11)

1 (4) 50L ● **FORTNUM (29)** G Boughey 9 11 ...... **P Cosgrave**
2 (6) 864 **EMERALD CITY (29)** J Fanshawe 9 10 ...... **D Muscutt**
3 (9) 421 **PATRONAGE (29) (C&D,F)** N Tinkler 9 10 ...... **R Scott**
4 (1) L-LL **POP NOODLE (140)** M Loughnane 9 9 ...... **E Greatrex**
5 (10) 57-L **MISTY TIME (55)** M Walford 9 9 ...... **P Dennis**
6 (11) 777- **LINCOLN ROYAL (247)** I Furtado 9 8 ...... **J Haynes**
7 (2) 799 **DARING LEADER (8)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 9 7 ...... **Ryan Sexton**
8 (5) 802 **STANDBACKANDLOOK (15)** W Knight 9 6 ...... **M Ghiani**
9 (3) 644 **SERENDIPITOUS LADY (20)** D Cunha 9 4 **C Hutchinson(3)**
10 (7) L-57 **LADY OF TIME (20)** T Easterby 9 3 ...... **D Fentiman**
11 (8) 5L-L **ADAAY WITH MICHAEL (30)** M & D Easterby 8 11 ...... **H Russell**

BLINKERS: No. 9 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 6, 9, 10 CHEEK PIECES: No. 3 EYE COVERS: No. 6. SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 9.
W-Factor: Standbackandlook (67); Pop Noodle (66); Serendipitous Lady (65).
SP FORECAST: 3 Patronage, 9-2 Serendipitous Lady, 5 Emerald City, Fortnum, 7 Standbackandlook, 12 Lady Of Time, Lincoln Royal, 20 Others.

8.20 NOTTINGHAM RACECOURSE HCAP £3,402 (6)1m 75yds (12)

1 (8) 648 **AL BAAHY (12)** K Frost 5 9 10 ...... **J Mitchell**
2 (9) LL2 **BALLSBRIDGE (9)** J Candlish 4 9 10 ...... **L Edmunds**
3 (1) 832 **DOUGIES DREAM (22) (D)** N Tinkler 5 9 10 ...... **F McManoman**
4 (5) 5-8L **CARIAD (21) (D)** G Scott 4 9 9 ...... **D Muscutt**
5 (11) 112 ● **ANDROMEDAS KINGDOM (4) (D)** M Appleby 6 9 8 ...... **S D Bowen(5)**
6 (4) 1-67 **CEILIDH (36)** G Baker 4 9 7 ...... **P Cosgrave**
7 (10) 137 **SAM'S HOPE (15)** A Carroll 4 9 7 ...... **D Keenan**
8 (7) 475 **ADELABELLA (31) (F)** M Wigham 4 9 6 ...... **B Sayette**
9 (12) 057 **TASEVER (9)** T Easterby 4 9 6 ...... **D Fentiman**
10 (2) 7-82 **BELIEVE YOU ME (36)** H Main 4 9 6 ...... **R Dawson**
11 (6) 24-0 **ASTRONOMICA (31) (D)** Dr J Scargill 4 9 6 ...... **G Wood**
12 (3) 527- **ICE SHADOW (175) (C,D)** A Brown 5 9 4 ...... **R Scott**

BLINKERS: Nos. 2, 4, 6, 12 TONGUE STRAP: No. 7 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 3, 9, 10. SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 5, 6, 11, 12.
W-Factor: Cariad (73); Ceilidh (72); Al Baahy (71).
SP FORECAST: 7-2 Andromedas Kingdom, 4 Dougies Dream, 5 Ballsbridge, 7 Adelabella, 8 Believe You Me, 12 Al Baahy, 14 Others.

8.50 GRASSROOTS HANDICAP £3,402 (6) 1m 6f (12)

1 (7) 4-14 **RUSSIAN RUMOUR (12) (C&D,F)** J Portman 7 9 11 ...... **Olivia Tubb(7)**
2 (8) 89-4 **DOUGLAS DC (16)** A Carroll 6 9 9 ...... **W Carson**
3 (6) 4L-4 **HIGHLAND FROLIC (48)** M Rimell 5 9 8 ...... **D Muscutt**
4 (3) 114 **NEY (19) (D,F)** D Brooke 6 9 7 ...... **A Rawlinson**
5 (12) 425 ● **ROCK N ROLL PINKIE (17) (D)** I Furtado 4 9 7 ...... **M Ghiani**
6 (5) 9-32 **YOUNG MERLIN (45) (D)** Miss A Murphy 8 9 7 ...... **L Edmunds**
7 (11) 40-0 **MRS MEADER (88)** J Feilden 8 9 5 ...... **S Feilden(7)**
8 (10) 52-8 **GRAIN OF HOPE (J44)** E Lavelle 4 9 5 ...... **E Greatrex**
9 (4) 4-06 **SEA MASTER (26)** J Ward 4 9 4 ...... **J F Egan**
10 (1) 324 **TIGERTEN (9) (D)** K Frost 7 9 0 ...... **B Sayette**
11 (2) LL7 **LONGUERUE (13) (C)** R Eddery 5 8 9 ...... **S D Bowen(5)**
12 (9) 878 **ROMAN TEMPEST (22)** S Dow 5 8 7 ...... **H Davies**

BLINKERS: No. 4 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 3, 10 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 6, 8, 10. SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 1, 6, 7, 12.
W-F: Longuerue (77); Mrs Meader (76); Rock N Roll Pinkie (75).
SP FORECAST: 3 Tigerten, 9-2 Russian Rumour, 6 Ney, Young Merlin, 7 Rock N Roll Pinkie, 10 Douglas Dc, 16 Others.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good to Soft. Left Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2019-24):** Jason Watson 17% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2019-24):** M Appleby 15% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 6.20 Bonaventure (tongue strap), Chiedozie (cheek pieces), 6.50 Beauld As Brass (hood), 7.20 Baile Locha Riach (cheek pieces, tongue strap), 8.20 Sam's Hope (tongue strap), 8.50 Grain Of Hope (cheek pieces). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 6.20 Dark Dreamer(hcp). 6.50 Angle Land(hcp), Miss Brazen(hcp). 7.20 Abu Royal(hcp). 8.20 Andromedas Kingdom(hcp). 8.50 Ney(hcp), Tigerten(hcp). **DRAW:** High best in 5f & 6f races. **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Four Adaay** (6.50) 204 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 6.20 **Kapparis Kid** from J Ryan to A Carroll. 7.20 **Bletchley Storm** from M Wigham to G Baker.

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6.00 Coeur Jaune
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8.35 Foreseeable Future

6.00 COLLEGIATE MAIDEN FILLIES' STKS 2YO £4,711 (Class 5) 5f (7 declared)

1 (7) 53 **BACOR (32)** G Boughey 9 2 ...... **Grace McEntee(3)**
2 (2) **CHARMSTER** Miss A Murphy 9 2 ...... **S Gray**
3 (3) 3 ● **COEUR JAUNE (14) (F)** D O'Meara 9 2 ...... **D Nolan**
4 (5) **LADY ROXBY** B Smart 9 2 ...... **A Breslin(3)**
5 (1) **MISS CAST** T Easterby 9 2 ...... **D Allan**
6 (6) L **PARTY BEAR (20)** K R Burke 9 2 ...... **J Gilligan**
7 (4) **SHE WENT WHOOSH(T)** R Hannon 9 2 ...... **C Rodriguez**

W-Factor: Coeur Jaune (88); Bacor (73); Party Bear (49).
SP FORECAST: 2 Coeur Jaune, 3 She Went Whoosh, 9-2 Bacor, 7 Charmster, 10 Miss Cast, Party Bear, 12 Lady Roxby.

6.35 RACEDAY READY APP MAIDEN STKS 3YO £4,711 (5) 6f (13)

1 (10) 6-5 **BATEMAN (53)** G Tutty 9 7 ...... **S Gray**
2 (4) **CANON'S HOUSE** M & D Easterby 9 7 ...... **Joanna Mason**
3 (7) 00 **DOODLEBUG (23)** N Tinkler 9 7 ...... **A Jary(5)**
4 (5) **FLOWSTATE** D O'Meara 9 7 ...... **D Nolan**
5 (3) 9L- **FOOTONTHEGAS (265)** M Hammond 9 7 ...... **A Brookes(5)**
6 (2) 7 **FOX SPIRIT (8)** T Easterby 9 7 ...... **JP Sullivan**
7 (12) 23L- **OLIGOPOLY (333)** T Easterby 9 7 ...... **D Allan**
8 (11) 543 **REBEL EMPIRE (16) (F,T)** R Hannon 9 7 ...... **C Hardie**
9 (1) 4L- **THE BOBSTER (243)** R Fahey 9 7 ...... **Ethan Tindall(7)**
10 (9) **ICE POP** C Johnston 9 2 ...... **F Norton**
11 (8) 54- ● **IDLE ASSEMBLY (355)(T)** B Meehan 9 2 ...... **C Rodriguez**
12 (6) 55 **MARIS ANGEL (76)** B Haslam 9 2 ...... **A Breslin(3)**
13 (13) 0 **ROGERS DREAM (23)** S Corbett 9 2 ...... **C Murtagh**

TONGUE STRAP: No. 7
HOOD: No. 12.
W-Factor: Rebel Empire (79); Idle Assembly (71); Bateman (70).
SP FORECAST: 11-4 Oligopoly, 9-2 Rebel Empire, 5 Ice Pop, 7 Idle Assembly, 8 Flowstate, 10 The Bobster, Bateman, 12 Fox Spirit, Maris Angel, 20 Others.

7.05 RIPON GREEN-SCHEME HANDICAP £6,185 (4)1m 4f 10yds (4)

1 (3) 3-L2 **KARDIA (19) (C&D,F)** E Bethell 4 9 9 ...... **C Rodriguez**
2 (4) 1-50 **STRAWMAN (35) (C,D)** G Tutty 7 9 7 ...... **S Gray**
3 (1) 2-33 **GENESIUS (12) (D,F)** Sir M Prescott 7 9 2 ...... **J Gilligan**
4 (2) 253 ● **YURINOV (12)** D O'Meara 4 8 13 ...... **B Garritty**

CHEEK PIECES: No. 3 HOOD: No. 1.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 1, 3.
W-Factor: Genesius (90); Strawman (88); Kardia (87).
SP FORECAST: 11-10 Kardia, 3 Yurinov, 7-2 Genesius, 6 Strawman.

FIRST TIME: 6.35 Maris Angel (hood), 7.35 Batal Zabeel (cheek pieces), 8.35 Willow Baby (visor). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 8.05 Volcanology. **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Idle Assembly** (6.35) 237 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 6.35 **Bateman** from S C Williams to G Tutty, **Maris Angel** from D Loughnane to B Haslam, **Oligopoly** from J P O'Brien in Ireland to T Easterby.

7.35 CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP 3YO £6,185 (4) 6f (8)

1 (7) L-24 **THE GOOD BISCUIT (13) (D,T)** J Channon 9 9 ...... **C Rodriguez**
2 (5) 12-7 **BATAL ZABEEL (18)** K Ryan 9 9 ...... **S Gray**
3 (8) 1-67 **GAME BREAKER (19) (D)** R Menzies 9 8 ...... **Joanna Mason**
4 (3) 6-63 **ZIGGY'S QUEEN (17)** R Fahey 9 8 ...... **B Garritty**
5 (6) 331 **MOYOLA (7) (D)** L Russell 9 5(6ex) ...... **O McSweeney(3)**
6 (1) 326 ● **TICKTYBOO (12)** N Tinkler 9 3 ...... **A Jary(5)**
7 (2) 362 **CASH IN (14)** T Easterby 9 2 ...... **D Allan**
8 (4) 213 **KELDEO (12) (F)** O Pears 9 2 ...... **C Hardie**

TONGUE STRAP: No. 5 CHEEK PIECES: No. 2.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 3.
W-Factor: Cash In (90); The Good Biscuit (88); Moyola (87).
SP FORECAST: 9-4 Moyola, 7-2 Cash In, 5 Keldeo, 6 Ziggy's Queen, 7 The Good Biscuit, 10 Batal Zabeel, 14 Ticktyboo, 20 Game Breaker.

8.05 RIPON FARM FILLIES' HANDICAP £4,711 (5)1m 1f 170yds (8)

1 (3) 134 **DO I DREAM (26) (C)** B Haslam 5 10 2 ...... **Joanna Mason**
2 (8) L7L **KITTYKARMA (20)** R Fahey 4 9 12 ...... **D Nolan**
3 (4) 811 ● **ORGANIC (4) (D,F)** G Boughey 3 9 11(12ex) ...... **Grace McEntee(3)**
4 (1) 744 **DANDY'S ANGEL (11) (D)** J Wainwright 7 9 9 ...... **Brandon Wilkie(5)**
5 (2) 1-45 **DANCINGWITHMYSELF (23)** M Bell 3 9 8 ...... **C Rodriguez**
6 (6) 51L- **VOLCANOLOGY (236)** C Johnston 3 9 7 ...... **F Norton**
7 (7) L44 **LOVE YOURS (16)** G Tutty 3 8 13 ...... **H Shaw**
8 (5) 040 **RIBKANA (21)** T Easterby 4 8 11 ...... **D Allan**

VISOR: No. 2.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 1, 3, 4.
W-F: Do I Dream (68); Ribkana (67); Dancingwithmyself (66).
SP FORECAST: Evens Organic, 9-2 Do I Dream, 7 Volcanology, 8 Dancingwithmyself, 12 Love Yours, 14 Dandy's Angel, 16 Kittykarma, 20 Ribkana.

8.35 HANDICAP £3,664 (6) 5f (11)

1 (1) 4L1 **PROTEST RALLY (6) (D)** L Bailey 4 9 11(5ex) ...... **B Garritty**
2 (2) L38 **WILLOW BABY (44)** J Ward 4 9 9 ...... **S Gray**
3 (6) 364 **PROSPECT (12)** P Midgley 6 9 9 ...... **D Nolan**
4 (3) 875 ● **FORESEEABLE FUTURE (12) (C&D)** R Carr 9 9 8 ...... **JP Sullivan**
5 (4) 89-L **DUNNINGTON LAD (15) (D)** P Winks 4 9 6 ...... **H Shaw**
6 (9) 368 **PANNONICA (20)(T)** R Hannon 3 9 2 ...... **F Norton**
7 (7) 870 **GOLDEN GAL (37) (D)** O Pears 5 9 2 ...... **C Hardie**
8 (8) 466 **CANARIA PRINCE (12) (D)** T Easterby 6 9 0 ...... **D Allan**
9 (10) 608 **GOLDEN PROSPERITY (31) (D)** Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood 5 9 0 **Louise Akehurst(7)**
10 (11) 257 **CAPTAIN CORCORAN (18) (D)** Mrs Stella Barclay 7 9 0 ...... **A Jary(5)**
11 (5) L74 **SASSY SOPRANO (11)** Mrs A Duffield 3 8 8 ...... **A Brookes(5)**

BLINKERS: No. 10 VISOR: Nos. 2, 3 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 8, 9 HOOD: No. 11.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 3, 4, 7, 10.
W-Factor: Prospect (69); Willow Baby (67); Pannonica (66).
SP FORECAST: 3 Protest Rally, 5 Prospect, 11-2 Foreseeable Future, 7 Pannonica, Canaria Prince, 8 Sassy Soprano, Willow Baby, 16 Captain Corcoran, 20 Others.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Soft. Right Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2019-24):** David Allan 19% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2019-24):** T Easterby 14% Strike rate. **DRAW:** Low numbers favoured on the sprint course.

Dettori craves Ascot action

By **David Yates**

FRANKIE DETTORI admitted "at the bottom of my heart I wish I was riding" as he made his Royal Ascot comeback – as a spectator.

The 53-year-old, the leading rider at Royal Ascot with 81 victories, famously shelved retirement plans to continue his stellar career in America in 2024.

Having returned to Britain for the wedding of his daughter Ella earlier this month, the Italian is in attendance during the meeting's five days as part of a hospitality venture with compatriot and celebrated chef Francesco Mazzei.

But Dettori has honoured the pledge not to take rides at Royal Ascot, eight months after his winning effort aboard King Of Steel in the QIPCO Champion Stakes at Ascot last October.

"At the bottom of my heart, I wish I was riding, but I promised I wouldn't do it," he said.

"It's too fresh in people's memories. I got a few offers – Tim and Bill Gredley asked me to ride Ambiente Friendly in the Epsom Derby and I said, 'I can't do it.'

"I had an amazing farewell and it's unfair to everyone that said 'goodbye' to me."

Asked if he could be in action at Royal Ascot in 12 months' time, Dettori added: "I'm not going to answer that question – we'll see how it goes this week."

SPEC SAVER: Frankie Dettori has returned to Ascot as a spectator





ST LEGER AIM: Fit-again Arabian Crown

Crown returns

By **David Yates**

ARABIAN CROWN will be aimed at the Betfred St Leger after recovering from the setback that ruled him out of last month's Derby.

The Charlie Appleby-trained son of Dubawi was the 5-1 second favourite for Epsom on the back of a three-and-a-quarter-length success in Sandown Classic Trial.

Fifteen days before the Derby, Appleby revealed the Godolphin-owned colt had met with a training injury.

But Arabian Crown is now set to appear in York's Great Voltigeur Stakes on August 21 before heading to Doncaster on September 14.

"Setbacks are never timely but the main thing is he's come out of it now," said Appleby.

The three-year-old is 10-1 in the sponsor's ante-post St Leger betting.

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THE SCOUT

2.30 Make Haste
3.05 Highbury
3.45 Laurel
4.25 AUGUSTE RODIN (nb)
5.05 KING'S CODE (nap)
5.40 Summer Of Love
6.15 Hawaiian

2.30 QUEEN MARY STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 2)2YO — ITV4
£85,065 (Class 1) 5f (26 declared)

No	Form	Draw	Horse	Wt	Jockey	Rating	Runs	Wins	Places	Prize	Trainer	Owner
1	3	(20)	ADRESTIA (9)	9 2	C Shepherd	80	1		1	£1,262	S & E Crisford	KHK Racing
2	21	(22)	AMESTRIS (18) (D)	9 2	K Stott	93	2	1(G)	1	£9,445	M Bell	Mrs B Green And Mrs Michael Bell
3	121	(15)	BETTY CLOVER (33) (D)	9 2	Georgia Dobie	97	3	2(G)	1	£47,535	E J-Houghton	Miss E Johnson Houghton
4	111	(25)	ENCHANTING EMPRESS (27) (C&D)	9 2	David Egan	97	3	3(S,A,GS)		£31,215	Raphael Freire	AMO Racing Limited & Giselle De Aguiar
5	211	(1)	ENGLEMERE (30) (D)	9 2	Billy Loughnane	92	3	2(F,G)	1	£27,247	G Boughey	Mr George Waud
6	53	(26)	FLASH THE CASH (11) (T)	9 2	S Foley	84	2		1	£2,217	J Harrington (IRE)	Miss Amy Marnane & Miss Olivia Marnane
7	142	(3)	FLICKA'S GIRL (42) (D)	9 2	Rossa Ryan	85	3	1(A)	1	£18,500	D Loughnane	Twenty Four Seven Recruitment
8	4	(19)	GLORIOUS KITTY (33) (T)	9 2	S James	91	1			£3,752	M & D Easterby	Middleham Park & South Bank Racing
9	21	(21)	KASSAYA (17) (D)	9 2	O Murphy	91	2	1(G)	1	£6,260	A Balding	Juddmonte
10	221	(16)	KISS ME MY LOVE (9) (T)	9 2	J Fanning	82	3	1(G)	2	£10,217	C Johnston	Mr Jaber Abdullah
11	213	(8)	KUWAITYA (35) (D)	9 2	K O'Neill	91	3	1(A)	2	£13,217	Alice Haynes	Mr Refai Alghraiban
12	1	(10)	LEOVANNI (14) (D,F,T)	9 2	James Doyle	96	1	1(F)		£3,725	K R Burke	Wathnan Racing
13	1	(18)	● MAKE HASTE (39) (D,T)	9 2	G M Ryan	★100	1	1(G)		£9,391	D Dias (IRE)	Lnj,gainesway,chappell,eves Partnershi
14	12	(4)	MAW LAM (11) (D,T)	9 2	H Doyle	93	2	1(F)	1	£17,319	Adrian Nicholls	Mr C R Hirst
15	2	(24)	MIGHTY ERIU (14) (T)	9 2	G F Carroll	93	1		1	£4,261	G Cromwell (IRE)	Qatar Racing Limited & Fergus Galvin
16	12	(13)	MISS LAMAI (33) (D,T)	9 2	C Lee	95	2	1(S)	1	£19,910	K R Burke	Mr C R Hirst
17	61	(5)	MISS RASCAL (40) (C&D,F)	9 2	T Marquand	93	2	1(G)		£16,578	P & O Cole	Mr Charlie Rosier & Mrs Julia Rosier
18	2	(14)	OXFORD ROCK (22)	9 2	D McMonagle	86	1		1	£2,129	J P O'Brien (IRE)	Mr M O'flynn
19	106	(6)	RUBY'S PROFIT (17) (D)	9 2	K Shoemark	83	3	1(A)		£3,780	Dr R Newland & J Insole	Sas Logistics Contracts Ltd
20	3	(12)	SANDS OF HAVANA (37)	9 2	T Whelan	82	1		1	£862	Ollie Sangster	The Cool Silk Partnership
21	416	(2)	SERAPHIM ANGEL (33) (D)	9 2	P-L Jamin	90	3	1(G)		£27,935	T Dascombe	Mr Russell Jones & Partner
22	1	(23)	SPHERICAL (28) (D)	9 2	W Buick	90	1	1(GS)		£22,025	R Varian	Cheveley Park Stud
23	1	(9)	TRULY ENCHANTING (22) (D,T)	9 2	R L Moore	99	1	1(S)		£6,303	A P O'Brien (IRE)	Mrs John Magnier,mr M Tabor & Mr D Smi
24	1	(17)	ULTIMA GRACE (62) (D)	9 2	J Rosario	88	1	1(A)		£38,646	W A Ward (USA)	For The People Racing Llc
25	21	(7)	WHERE'S CLARE (15) (D,T)	9 2	J Hart	87	2	1(A)	1	£14,082	C Johnston	Paul & Clare Rooney
26	1	(11)	XANTHE (39) (C&D)	9 2	P Dobbs	90	1	1(G)		£10,800	R Hannon	Mrs J Wood

BLINKERS: Nos. 19, 24 TONGUE STRAP: No. 13 CHEEK PIECES: No. 21.

Forecast: 4 Make Haste, 6 Leovanni, Truly Enchanting, 8 Miss Rascal, Ultima Grace, 12 Enchanting Empress, 14 Mighty Eriu, Betty Clover, Kassaya, 16 Others.

2023: Crimson Advocate 9-2, J Velazquez 9-1 (G Weaver), drawn (28), 26 ran.

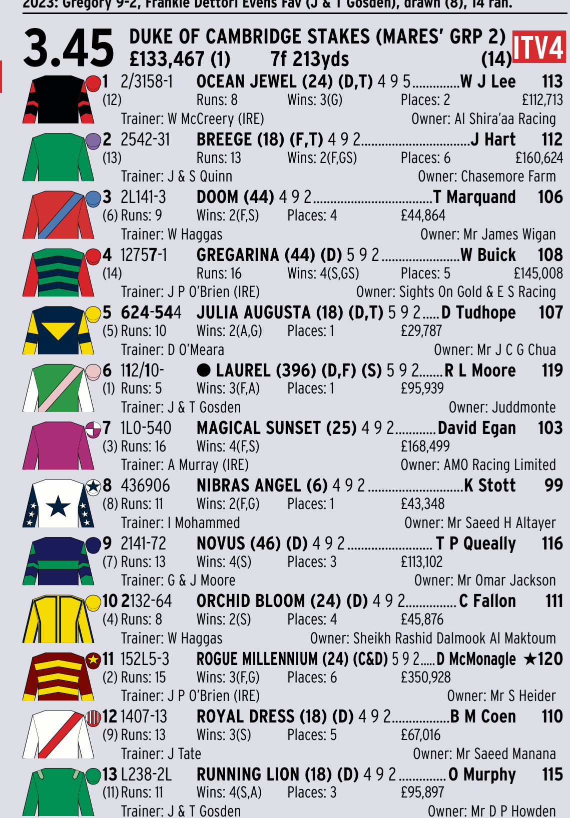
3.05 QUEEN'S VASE (GROUP 2) 3YO — ITV4
£150,282 (1) 1m 6f 34yds (12)

No	Form	Draw	Horse	Wt	Jockey	Rating	Runs	Wins	Places	Prize	Trainer	Owner
1	11	(7)	BIRDMAN (32) (T)	9 2	S Foley	107	2	2(S)		£34,223	J Harrington (IRE)	Anamoine Ltd
2	131-3	(6)	GROSVENOR SQUARE (42)	9 2	D McMonagle	113	4	2(S)		£62,233	A P O'Brien (IRE)	M Tabor/d Smith/mrs J Magnier/westerbe
3	31	(2)	● HIGHBURY (38) (T)	9 2	W M Lordan	105	2	1(G)		£8,870	A P O'Brien (IRE)	Westerberg,Coolmore,Brant,Dubois
4	13-32	(5)	ILLINOIS (39)	9 2	R L Moore	★114	4	1(S)	1	£51,656	A P O'Brien (IRE)	Mr D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, Mr M Tab
5	1-26	(9)	IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN (39) (T)	9 2	C Lee	104	3	1(A)	1	£5,339	K R Burke	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
6	133914	(4)	LAVENDER HILL MOB (25)	9 2	C Shepherd	103	8	2(S,A)		£15,934	M Bell	The Gredley Family
7	1-531	(8)	MEYDAAN (25) (F)	9 2	W Buick	109	4	2(A,G)	1	£46,549	S & E Crisford	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum
8	36-1	(12)	MINA RASHID (40)	9 2	O Murphy	98	3	1(F)		£24,824	A Balding	Ahmad Al Shaikh
9	2-43L	(1)	MR HAMPSTEAD (18)	9 2	David Egan	96	4		1	£9,930	D F Davis	AMO Racing Limited
10	3-1L5	(11)	PAPPANO (25)	9 2	K Shoemark	97	4	1(A)	1	£11,076	J & T Gosden	Ms Rachel D S Hood
11	421	(3)	SEE THE GREEN (27)	9 2	J Crowley	89	3	1(S)	1	£6,738	Owen Burrows	Ahmad Al Shaikh
12	4-14	(10)	THE EQUATOR (24) (T)	9 2	D McDonogh	106	3	1(S)		£11,165	A P O'Brien (IRE)	Mr M Tabor, D Smith & Mrs John Magni

HOOD: No. 8.

Forecast: 2 Illinois, 7-2 Highbury, 9-2 Birdman, 7 Grosvenor Square, 8 Meydaan, 12 The Equator, 20 Mina Rashid, 25 Imperial Sovereign, 33 Others.

2023: Gregory 9-2, Frankie Dettori Evens Fav (J & T Gosden), drawn (8), 14 ran.



3.45 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE STAKES (MARES' GRP 2) — ITV4
£133,467 (1) 7f 213yds (14)

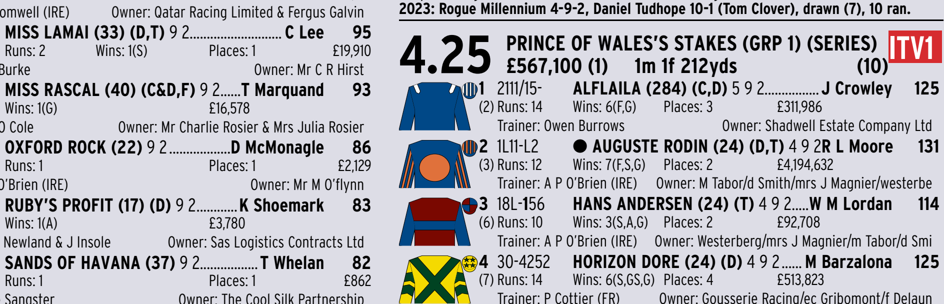
No	Form	Draw	Horse	Age/Wt	Jockey	Rating	Runs	Wins	Places	Prize	Trainer	Owner
1	2/3158-1	(12)	OCEAN JEWEL (24) (D,T)	4 9 5	W J Lee	113	8	3(G)	2	£112,713	W McCreery (IRE)	Al Shira'aa Racing
2	2542-31	(13)	BREEGE (18) (F,T)	4 9 2	J Hart	112	13	2(F,GS)	6	£160,624	J & S Quinn	Chasemore Farm
3	2L141-3	(6)	DOOM (44)	4 9 2	T Marquand	106	9	2(F,S)	4	£44,864	W Haggas	Mr James Wigan
4	12757-1	(14)	GREGARINA (44) (D)	5 9 2	W Buick	108	16	4(S,GS)	5	£145,008	J P O'Brien (IRE)	Sights On Gold & E S Racing
5	624-544	(5)	JULIA AUGUSTA (18) (D,T)	5 9 2	D Tudhope	107	10	2(A,G)	1	£29,787	D O'Meara	Mr J C G Chua
6	112/10-	(1)	● LAUREL (396) (D,F) (S)	5 9 2	R L Moore	119	5	3(F,A)	1	£95,939	J & T Gosden	Juddmonte
7	1L0-540	(3)	MAGICAL SUNSET (25)	4 9 2	David Egan	103	16	4(F,S)		£168,499	A Murray (IRE)	AMO Racing Limited
8	436906	(8)	NIBRAS ANGEL (6)	4 9 2	K Stott	99	11	2(F,G)	1	£43,348	I Mohammed	Mr Saeed H Altayer
9	2141-72	(7)	NOVUS (46) (D)	4 9 2	T P Queally	116	13	4(S)	3	£113,102	G & J Moore	Mr Omar Jackson
10	2132-64	(4)	ORCHID BLOOM (24) (D)	4 9 2	C Fallon	111	8	2(S)	4	£45,876	W Haggas	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum
11	152L5-3	(2)	ROGUE MILLENNIUM (24) (C&D)	5 9 2	D McMonagle	★120	15	3(F,G)	6	£350,928	J P O'Brien (IRE)	Mr S Heider
12	1407-13	(9)	ROYAL DRESS (18) (D)	4 9 2	B M Coen	110	13	3(S)	5	£67,016	J Tate	Mr Saeed Manana
13	L238-2L	(11)	RUNNING LION (18) (D)	4 9 2	O Murphy	115	11	4(S,A)	3	£95,897	J & T Gosden	Mr D P Howden
14	54365-3	(10)	SEA THE LADY (52) (D)	4 9 2	Aurelien Lemaitre	113	12	3(S,GS)	4	£149,305	C H Head (FR)	Mrs R G Hillen

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 8, 10

CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 9 HOOD: Nos. 1, 4, 12.

Forecast: 5-2 Laurel, 10-3 Rogue Millennium, 15-2 Ocean Jewel, 8 Royal Dress, Breege, 12 Sea The Lady, Running Lion, 16 Doom, Novus, Orchid Bloom, Gregarina, 33 Others.

2023: Rogue Millennium 4-9-2, Daniel Tudhope 10-1 (Tom Clover), drawn (7), 10 ran.



4.25 PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES (GRP 1) (SERIES) — ITV1
£567,100 (1) 1m 1f 212yds (10)

No	Form	Draw	Horse	Age/Wt	Jockey	Rating	Runs	Wins	Places	Prize	Trainer	Owner
1	2111/15-	(2)	ALFLAILA (284) (C,D)	5 9 2	J Crowley	125	14	6(F,G)	3	£311,986	Owen Burrows	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd
2	1L11-L2	(3)	● AUGUSTE RODIN (24) (D,T)	4 9 2	R L Moore	131	12	7(F,S,G)	2	£4,194,632	A P O'Brien (IRE)	M Tabor/d Smith/mrs J Magnier/westerbe
3	18L-156	(6)	HANS ANDERSEN (24) (T)	4 9 2	W M Lordan	114	10	3(S,A,G)	2	£92,708	A P O'Brien (IRE)	Westerberg/mrs J Magnier/m Tabor/d Smi
4	30-4252	(7)	HORIZON DORE (24) (D)	4 9 2	M Barzalona	125	14	6(S,GS,G)	4	£513,823	P Cottier (FR)	Gousserie Racing/ec Gribomont/f Delaun
5	4/11-283	(5)	LORD NORTH (54) (C&D)	8 9 2	W Buick	122	23	10(S,A,GS,G)	4	£6,314,198	J & T Gosden	HH Sheikh Zayed bin Mohammed Racing
6	10115-1	(1)	ROYAL RHYME (27) (D,T)	4 9 2	C Lee	125	9	5(S,GS)	1	£194,882	K R Burke	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
7	21-L9	(9)	SNOBBISH (33) (D)	4 9 2	Fabien Lefebvre	95	4	1(A)	1	£10,000	M Guarnieri (ITY)	Yeguada Centurion
8	1116-18	(8)	ZARAKEM (52) (D)	4 9 2	M Guyon	122	10	6(S,GS,G)		£148,854	J Reynier (FR)	Ecurie Benaroussi Sofiane/harasd'etreh
9	11451-5	(4)	BLUE ROSE CEN (24) (D)	4 8 13	C Soumillon	125	13	8(S,GS)	1	£1,425,093	M Guarnieri (ITY)	Yeguada Centurion
10	2L111-4	(10)	INSPIRAL (32) (C,D,F)	5 8 13	K Shoemark	★133	14	9(F,GS,G)	2	£3,011,100	J & T Gosden	Cheveley Park Stud

TONGUE STRAP: No. 6.

Forecast: 5-4 Auguste Rodin, 5-2 Inspiral, 6 Horizon Dore, 10 Blue Rose Cen, Alflaila, 20 Zarakem, Royal Rhyme, 25 Lord North, 100 Others.

2023: Mostahdaf 5-9-2, Jim Crowley 10-1 (J & T Gosden), drawn (6), 6 ran.

5.05 ROYAL HUNT CUP (HERITAGE HCAP) (STR) — ITV1
£90,195 (2) 1m (31)

No	Form	Draw	Horse	Age/Wt	Jockey	Rating	Runs	Wins	Places	Prize	Trainer	Owner
1	05426-1	(19)	SONNY LISTON (32) (D)	5 9 13	Rossa Ryan	113	15	2(G)	3	£138,176	R Beckett	Chelsea Thoroughbreds - The Big Bear
2	2-42364	(16)	SEAN (18) (D)	7 9 10	S Osborne	112	20	3(GS,G)	8	£115,151	J Osborne	Barratt Racing
3	3-23124	(7)	KINGDOM COME (49)	5 9 9	R Kingscote	114	13	4(A)	3	£105,821	C Cox	China Horse Club International Limited
4	33/94-43	(23)	HOLLOWAY BOY (60) (C,T)	4 9 7	S James	110	9	1(F)	2	£147,279	K R Burke	Mr Nick White & Mrs E Burke
5	33L5-96	(5)	STREETS OF GOLD (39)	4 9 6	C Bishop	114	12	5(S,F,GS,G)	2	£265,362	E J-Houghton	J Allison & G C Stevens
6	21121-2	(9)	BESHTANI (19) (D)	4 9 6	James Doyle	118	7	3(A,GS,G)	3	£69,809	H Al Jehani (UAE)	Wathnan Racing
7	330-37L	(24)	RAADOBARG (53) (D)	6 9 5	David Egan	119	26	5(F,S)	4	£158,963	G Boughey	AMO Racing Limited
8	9/70171-	(17)	PEROTTO (312) (C&D)	6 9 3	T Marquand	112	29	6(F,GS,G)	5	£213,026	R Varian	Halcyon Thoroughbreds
9	1/1315-0	(29)	REAL GAIN (60) (D,F) (S)	4 9 3	W Buick	115	6	3(F,A)		£29,421	R Hughes	Wathnan Racing
10	12L133	(11)	TALIS EVOLVERE (32) (D)	4 9 2	J Leavy(5)	114	13	4(A,GS)	6	£131,765	R Hannon	Mrs B Austin & Partner
11	31188-7	(22)	COEUR D'OR (26) (D,T)	8 9 2	C D Hayes	114	17	4(A,G)	4	£134,924	D K Weld (IRE)	Mark E Phelan/s P O'connor

12 0750-30 **BLESS HIM (11) (C&D)** 10 9 2 **J P Spencer** 115
(28) Runs: 52 Wins: 7(A,F) Places: 8 £334,363
Trainer: D M Simcock Owner: Tony Perkins & Partners

13 47258-6 **PADISHAKH (88) (D,T)** 4 9 2 **S M Levey** 112
(15) Runs: 9 Wins: 2(GS) Places: 2 £64,668
Trainer: D O'Meara Owner: Woodhurst, Withernsea & S Ryan

14 01041-8 **THE GATEKEEPER (88) (C&D,T)** 5 9 2 **N Callan** 113
(14) Runs: 21 Wins: 5(S,A,G) Places: 3 £213,885
Trainer: C Johnston Owner: Middleham Park Racing XIV

15 01062-5 **ROPEY GUEST (39) (D)** 7 9 2 **T P Queally** 114
(12) Runs: 43 Wins: 4(F,A,GS,G) Places: 7 £302,264
Trainer: G Margarson Owner: John Guest Racing

16 4343-L1 **AERION POWER (17) (D)** 6 9 2(5ex) **R L Moore** 111
(1) Runs: 17 Wins: 4(F,A,G) Places: 5 £66,353
Trainer: Sir M Stoute Owner: King Power Racing Co Ltd

17 0L70-40 **BLUE FOR YOU (19) (D,T)** 6 9 1 **D Tudhope** 111
(27) Runs: 25 Wins: 4(S,GS,G) Places: 3 £158,260
Trainer: D O'Meara Owner: Alderson Burke Francis

18 D71-74L **THUNDER BALL (47) (D)** 4 9 1 **Alec Voikhansky(3)** 116
(3) Runs: 18 Wins: 2(S,G) Places: 6 £51,253
Trainer: P & O Cole Owner: The Fairy Story Partnership

19 041-203 **SILENT FILM (57) (D)** 6 9 0 **Doubtful** 115
(13) Runs: 21 Wins: 5(A,G) Places: 5 £146,644
Trainer: I Williams Owner: Mrs Fitri Hay

20 1/2411 **WILD TIGER (26) (F)** 5 9 0 **O Murphy** 118
(20) Runs: 5 Wins: 3(A,G) Places: 2 £30,317
Trainer: S bin Suroor Owner: Godolphin

21 1L97-59 **MIRSKY (34) (D,T)** 5 8 13 **M Guyon** 112
(2) Runs: 13 Wins: 4(S,GS) £80,614
Trainer: D O'Meara Owner: Mr J N Blackburn

22 4-31385 **FANTASTIC FOX (19) (D)** 6 8 13 **A Keeley(3)** 114
(30) Runs: 27 Wins: 5(S,F,A) Places: 6 £104,862
Trainer: R Varian Owner: King Power Racing Co Ltd

23 6210-12 **METAL MERCHANT (32) (C&D)** 4 8 13 **D Probert** 113
(8) Runs: 17 Wins: 4(A,GS,G) Places: 4 £102,322
Trainer: J Channon Owner: Recycled Products Limited & Partner

24 6131-32 **DAYSOFOURLIVES (31) (C&D)** 4 8 13 **L Morris** 114
(10) Runs: 9 Wins: 3(A,G) Places: 4 £45,509
Trainer: M Botti Owner: Mr Raed El Youssef

25 72-4507 **TEMPUS (32) (C&D)** 8 8 12 **K Shoemark** ★120
(4) Runs: 29 Wins: 8(F,S,A,GS,G) Places: 3 £235,294
Trainer: A Watson Owner: Hambleton Racing Ltd Xxxi And Partner

26 5004-00 **IMPERIAL FIGHTER (4)** 5 8 11 **C Shepherd** 111
(26) Runs: 15 Wins: 1(S) Places: 3 £110,220
Trainer: J Osborne Owner: Jim And Claire Ltd And Jon & Kay Colli

27 477294 ● **KING'S CODE (4) (D)** 4 8 9 **S De Sousa** 115
(18) Runs: 24 Wins: 7(S,A,F,G) Places: 5 £84,430
Trainer: P Evans Owner: Eric Griffiths & P D Evans

28 6-02208 **DUTCH DECOY (19) (D,T)** 7 8 9 **J Fanning** 116
(25) Runs: 62 Wins: 9(F,A,GS,G) Places: 15 £207,512
Trainer: C Johnston Owner: Owners Group 052

29 6158-23 **REGHEEB (27) (D)** 4 8 8 **H Doyle** 114
(31) Runs: 7 Wins: 2(S,A) Places: 2 £19,088
Trainer: A Watson Owner: Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum

30 315-210 **ELDRICKJONES (33) (D)** 5 8 8 **Billy Loughnane** 116
(21) Runs: 30 Wins: 4(F,A) Places: 6 £82,619
Trainer: R Fell & S Murray Owner: Fishlake Commercial Motors Ltd & Partn

31 2510-14 **CRACK SHOT (27) (D)** 4 8 8 **M Barzalona** 115
(32) Runs: 8 Wins: 3(F,G) Places: 1 £41,301
Trainer: E Walker Owner: Mrs Fitri Hay

BLINKERS: Nos. 18, 25 VISOR: Nos. 15, 17, 24, 27 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 7, 11, 26 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 6, 7, 20 HOOD: Nos. 8, 12, 26.

Forecast: 8 Wild Tiger, 10 Real Gain, Beshtani, 12 Sonny Liston, Coeur d'Or, 14 Metal Merchant, Bless Him, Holloway Boy, Tempus, The Gatekeeper, Streets Of Gold, 16 Others.

2023: Jimi Hendrix 4-9-5, Rossa Ryan 22-1 (R Beckett), drawn (7), 30 ran.

5.40 KENSINGTON PALACE STAKES FILLIES' HCAP ITV1
£56,694 (2) 1m (25)

1 1786-46 **VILLANOVA QUEEN (24) (C&D,T)** 5 9 12 **S Foley** 98
(24) Runs: 13 Wins: 3(G) Places: 1 £78,554
Trainer: J Harrington (IRE) Owner: Mr William Crager

2 45245-1 **ADELAISE (74) (D)** 5 9 10 **W Buick** 100
(22) Runs: 13 Wins: 2(A) Places: 4 £64,896
Trainer: J P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Teme Valley

3 L640-6L **MAMMAS GIRL (24)** 4 9 9 **David Egan** 102
(8) Runs: 9 Wins: 2(GS,G) £71,975
Trainer: A Murray (IRE) Owner: AMO Racing Limited

4 13-6463 **MYSTIC PEARL (39) (D)** 4 9 9 **T Marquand** 101
(7) Runs: 14 Wins: 2(G) Places: 5 £73,022
Trainer: W Haggas Owner: Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum

5 4135-06 **VETIVER (39) (D)** 4 9 8 **O Murphy** 103
(15) Runs: 9 Wins: 3(S,GS) Places: 2 £54,966
Trainer: A Balding Owner: Cheveley Park Stud

6 0/0831-L **CELL SA BEELA (39) (C)** 4 9 7 **James Doyle** 101
(17) Runs: 9 Wins: 2(G) Places: 2 £48,067
Trainer: R Varian Owner: Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum

7 142- **FAKHAMA (309)** 4 9 5 **C Fallon** 93
(1) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(S) Places: 1 £12,272
Trainer: W Haggas Owner: Shadwell Estate Company Ltd

8 313-731 **TWIRLING (19) (D)** 4 9 4 **R L Moore** 106
(14) Runs: 7 Wins: 3(A,GS) Places: 2 £18,102
Trainer: S & E Crisford Owner: Mrs Doreen Tabor

9 42/2166- **BACK SEE DAA (323) (D,T)** 4 9 3 **C Lee** 101
(4) Runs: 6 Wins: 1(G) Places: 2 £34,951
Trainer: K R Burke Owner: Mr C R Hirst

10 58645-7 **KARSAVINA (26)** 4 9 2 **D McMonagle** 103
(18) Runs: 10 Wins: 1(S) £12,077
Trainer: J P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Mr S E Sangster

11 41-1 ● **SUMMER OF LOVE (14) (F)** 4 9 0 **C Soumillon** 101
(10) Runs: 3 Wins: 2(A) £10,417
Trainer: S bin Suroor Owner: Godolphin

12 33-0067 **FARHH TO SHY (17) (C&D)** 6 9 0 **T P Queally** 101
(2) Runs: 28 Wins: 6(S,F,GS,G) Places: 5 £95,534
Trainer: G Margarson Owner: Mr F Butler

13 31136-7 **ROWAYEH (46) (D)** 4 8 13 **J Crowley** 103
(16) Runs: 7 Wins: 2(F,GS) Places: 2 £17,478
Trainer: Owen Burrows Owner: Shadwell Estate Company Ltd

14 649-070 **CANOODLED (19) (D)** 6 8 11 **L Morris** 98
(23) Runs: 31 Wins: 4(S,GS,G) Places: 6 £47,550
Trainer: E Walker Owner: Laurence Bellman

15 3311-64 **MOONSPIRIT (21) (D)** 4 8 11 **Billy Loughnane** 105
(9) Runs: 9 Wins: 3(A,G) Places: 2 £26,745
Trainer: G Boughey Owner: Mr George Waud

16 341-2 **DOHA (26) (D)** 4 8 11 **H Crouch** 104
(21) Runs: 4 Wins: 1(S) Places: 2 £9,715
Trainer: R Beckett Owner: Al Shaqab Racing

17 1L3L-22 **ROARIN' SUCCESS (19) (C&D)** 4 8 11 **T Whelan** 106
(19) Runs: 9 Wins: 2(A,GS) Places: 3 £26,946
Trainer: Harry Charlton Owner: Mr Paul Inglett

18 4/1523 **HOPEFUL (32) (D,F)** 4 8 10 **M Barzalona** 107
(20) Runs: 5 Wins: 1(A) Places: 2 £11,156
Trainer: A Balding Owner: Prince A A Faisal

19 1812-21 **RAJINDRI (28)** 4 8 10 **K Shoemark** 108
(11) Runs: 10 Wins: 3(A,GS) Places: 6 £29,722
Trainer: Tom Clover Owner: Jastar Capital Limited

20 2/211-4 **ELIM (30) (D,T)** 4 8 9 **J P Spencer** 102
(13) Runs: 5 Wins: 2(A,GS) Places: 2 £27,138
Trainer: E Bethell Owner: Julie and David R Martin and Dan Hall

21 123-884 **MOTHER MARY (15)** 4 8 7 **G Rooke** 107
(12) Runs: 7 Wins: 1(S) Places: 2 £9,450
Trainer: R Hughes Owner: Mr Michael Williams

22 12156-1 **AZAHARA PALACE (23) (D)** 4 8 7 **S De Sousa** 106
(25) Runs: 9 Wins: 4(F,GS,G) Places: 2 £21,295
Trainer: H Morrison Owner: The Tod Partnership

23 3121-56 **AURORA DAWN (26)** 4 8 7 **S Osborne** 106
(6) Runs: 9 Wins: 2(F,G) Places: 1 £14,212
Trainer: E Walker Owner: Dubai Thoroughbred Racing

24 2-11156 **CIARA PEARL (8) (D)** 4 8 4 **Jack Doughty(5)** 103
(3) Runs: 8 Wins: 4(S,A) Places: 2 £20,209
Trainer: D & C Kubler Owner: Mr Andrew Stonehill

25 128-722 **VICTORIA FALLS (8) (D)** 5 8 2 **C Planas(3)** ★109
(5) Runs: 21 Wins: 3(S,A,G) Places: 8 £36,838
Trainer: H Palmer Owner: Mr D R Passant

VISOR: No. 25 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 4, 5, 8, 15 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 15, 21 HOOD: No. 5.

Forecast: 7 Summer Of Love, 8 Twirling, Doha, 10 Elim, Fakhama, 12 Mystic Pearl, Rowayeh, Adelaise, 14 Others.

2023: Villanova Queen 4-9-10, Colin Keane 25-1 (J Harrington), drawn (8), 19 ran.

6.15 WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (LISTED) 2YO ITV4
£62,381 (1) 5f (28)

1 1 **AIN'T NOBODY (19) (D,T)** 9 5 **J P Spencer** 90
(27) Runs: 1 Wins: 1(GS) £6,750
Trainer: K Ryan Owner: J Blackburn & J Matthews

2 625 **ARABIAN COBRA (13)** 9 5 **D Probert** 86
(20) Runs: 3 Places: 1 £2,464
Trainer: H Palmer Owner: Jones, McCarthy, Owen

3 2 **ARTAGNAN (14)** 9 5 **W Buick** 88
(5) Runs: 1 Places: 1 £2,210
Trainer: K R Burke Owner: Wathnan Racing

4 555 **BRETTON WOOD (23)** 9 5 **S De Sousa** 78
(24) Runs: 3 £1,498
Trainer: James Owen Owner: The Gredley Family

5 5313 **BROSAY (22) (D,T)** 9 5 **G M Ryan** 91
(7) Runs: 4 Wins: 1(S) Places: 1 £19,723
Trainer: D Dias (IRE) Owner: RC VIP Syndicate One

6 24 **CALYXOH (15)** 9 5 **Billy Loughnane** 81
(9) Runs: 2 Places: 1 £7,631
Trainer: J Chapple-Hyam Owner: Mr Laurence Holder

7 1 **CELTIC CHIEFTAIN (11) (D,T)** 9 5 **W M Lordan** 93
(12) Runs: 1 Wins: 1(G) £9,391
Trainer: A P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Tabor/smith/mrs J Magnier/brant

8 2 **CHEVAL DE GUERRE (55)** 9 5 **O Murphy** 80
(1) Runs: 1 Places: 1 £11,496
Trainer: E Kenneally (USA) Owner: Resolute Racing

9 15 **END OF STORY (19) (D,T)** 9 5 **K Stott** 85
(2) Runs: 2 Wins: 1(GS) £5,405
Trainer: K Ryan Owner: Mrs J Ryan

10 72 **FUJI MOUNTAIN (17) (T)** 9 5 **C Shepherd** 85
(3) Runs: 2 Places: 1 £1,749
Trainer: D Carroll Owner: Steve & Bea Ryan Limited

11 1 **GABALDON (39) (D)** 9 5 **Emisael Jaramillo** 87
(26) Runs: 1 Wins: 1(G) £3,740
Trainer: J D Angelo (USA) Owner: Soldi Stable Llc

12 1L ● **HAWAIIAN (27) (D)** 9 5 **S M Levey** 94
(18) Runs: 2 Wins: 1(GS) £6,885
Trainer: R Hannon Owner: Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum

13 3 **HONORARY AMERICAN (26)** 9 5 **J Rosario** 78
(4) Runs: 1 Places: 1 £14,173
Trainer: W A Ward (USA) Owner: W Stroud/smart Choice Stable/ocean Ree

14 513 **JM JHINGREE (11) (D,T)** 9 5 **J Hart** 85
(21) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(S) £10,700
Trainer: J & S Quinn Owner: Mps Racing & The Ayrshire Tradesmen 1

15 3 **KARL CARLSTON (35)** 9 5 **Rossa Ryan** 74
(11) Runs: 1 Places: 1 £1,224
Trainer: Raphael Freire Owner: AMO Racing Limited

16 11 **PONT NEUF (34) (D)** 9 5 **C Bishop** 89
(23) Runs: 2 Wins: 2(S,A) £10,746
Trainer: E J-Houghton Owner: Eden Racing

17 724 **REPOSADO (27)** 9 5 **David Egan** 91
(13) Runs: 3 Places: 1 £6,678
Trainer: Raphael Freire Owner: AMO Racing Limited & Giselle De Aguiar

18 15 **ROCK N ROLL ROCKET (22) (D,T)** 9 5 **S Foley** 87
(19) Runs: 2 Wins: 1(G) £13,696
Trainer: J Harrington (IRE) Owner: Bronsan & Syndicates Racing Amy Olivia Marnane

19 3 **RUDI'S APPLE (21)** 9 5 **D McMonagle** 79
(28) Runs: 1 £1,043
Trainer: J P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: H O S Syndicate

20 3 **SENSORIUM (25)** 9 5 **R Clutterbuck** 74
(8) Runs: 1 Places: 1 £862
Trainer: D Cunha Owner: A Hughes, M Broughton & T Elphick

21 13 **SEX ON FIRE (49) (D)** 9 5 **T Marquand** 89
(14) Runs: 2 Wins: 1(A) £8,476
Trainer: R Spencer Owner: Phil Cunningham

22 1 **SHADOW ARMY (35) (D,F,T) (S)** 9 5 **James Doyle** 92
(6) Runs: 1 Wins: 1(G) £20,616
Trainer: R Fahey Owner: Wathnan Racing

23 231 **SIR YOSHI (21) (D,T)** 9 5 **L T McAteer** 90
(25) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(S) Places: 2 £11,565
Trainer: D Marnane (IRE) Owner: MRC International

24 21 **TREASURE ISLE (31) (D,T)** 9 5 **R L Moore** ★97
(15) Runs: 2 Wins: 1(G) Places: 1 £24,835
Trainer: A P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Mrs John Magnier,mr M Tabor & Mr D Smi

25 1 **VINGEGAARD (36) (D)** 9 5 **H Doyle** 82
(17) Runs: 1 Wins: 1(S) £3,402
Trainer: A Watson Owner: Jinky Farms And Partner

26 3 **WEISSMULLER (17)** 9 5 **L Morris** 79
(16) Runs: 1 Places: 1 £875
Trainer: A Watson Owner: Primavera

27 14 **ZABEEL ROAD (35) (D,T)** 9 5 **J Fanning** 84
(10) Runs: 2 Wins: 1(G) £6,736
Trainer: C Johnston Owner: Mr Jaber Abdullah

28 13 **AVIATION TIME (11)** 9 0 **D Tudhope** 87
(22) Runs: 2 Wins: 1(A) Places: 1 £9,717
Trainer: R Hughes Owner: Bronte Collection 1

BLINKERS: Nos. 4, 11, 13 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 8, 11.

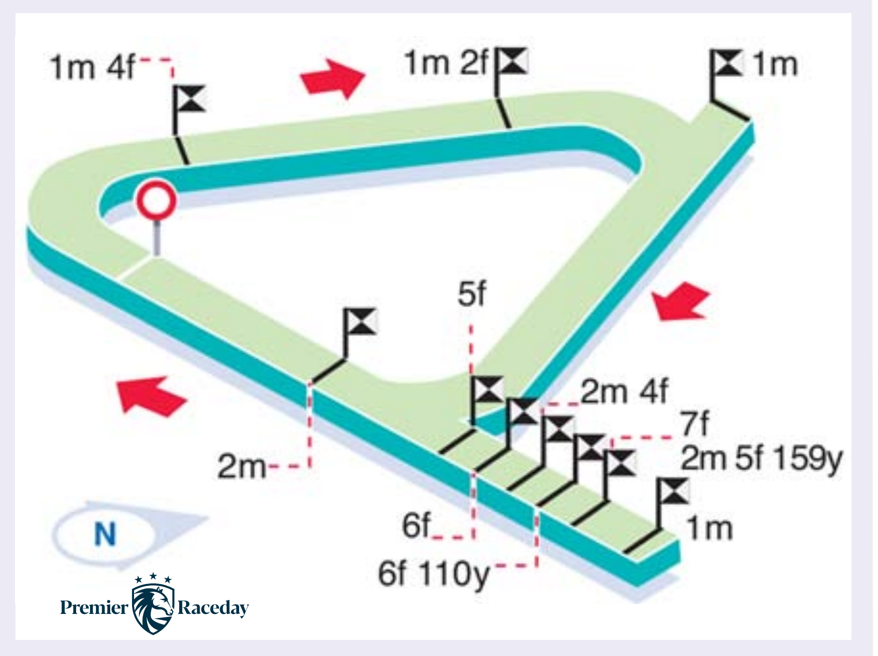
Forecast: 4 Treasure Isle, 5 Shadow Army, 6 Celtic Chieftain, 8 Hawaiian, Gabaldon, 12 Honorary American, Cheval De Guerre, Pont Neuf, 16 Others.

2023: Big Evs 9-5, Jason Hart 20-1 (M Appleby), drawn (19), 23 ran.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good to Firm. Right Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2019-24):** Ryan Moore 13% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2019-24):** J & T Gosden 15% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 2.30 Ruby's Profit (blinkers), Seraphim Angel (cheek pieces), Ultima Grace (blinkers), 3.45 Orchid Bloom (tongue strap), Breege (cheek pieces), 5.05 Tempus (blinkers), Daysofourlives (visor), 5.40 Mother Mary (cheek pieces), 6.15 Honorary American (blinkers), Cheval De Guerre (tongue strap), Gabaldon (blinkers, tongue strap), Bretton Wood (blinkers). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 2.30 Adrestia, Flicka's Girl, Maw Lam. 3.05 Grosvenor Square, Illinois. 3.45 Rogue Millennium, Running Lion. 4.25 Auguste Rodin, Inspiral. 5.05 Crack Shot(hcp), Eldrickjones(hcp), Holloway Boy. 5.40 Doha(hcp), Elim(hcp), Fakhama. 6.15 Artagnan, Calyxoh, Hawaiian, Honorary American, Karl Carlston. **DRAW:** No significant advantage. **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Sea The Lady** (3.45), **Zarakem** (4.25), **Horizon Dore** (4.25) France; **Truly Enchanting** (2.30), **Grosvenor Square** (3.05), **Highbury** (3.05), **The Equator** (3.05), **Illinois** (3.05), **Hans Andersen** (4.25), **Auguste Rodin** (4.25), **Sir Yoshi** (6.15), **Celtic Chieftain** (6.15), **Treasure Isle** (6.15) Ireland; **Blue Rose Cen** (4.25) & **Snobbish** (4.25) Italy; **Beshtani** (5.05) United Arab Emirates; **Miss Lamai** (2.30), **Leovanni** (2.30), **Imperial Sovereign** (3.05), **Royal Rhyme** (4.25), **Holloway Boy** (5.05), **Back See Daa** (5.40), **Artagnan** (6.15) 252 miles; **Ultima Grace** (2.30), **Honorary American** (6.15), **Cheval De Guerre** (6.15), **Gabaldon** (6.15) United States. **STABLE SWITCH:** 2.30 **Enchanting Empress** from D F Davis to Raphael Freire. 3.45 **Sea The Lady** from Chr Head to C H Head. 6.15 **Karl Carlston** from D F Davis to Raphael Freire, **Reposado** from D F Davis to Raphael Freire.

GOSSIP FROM THE GALLOPS

Newmarket: **LAUREL** (3.45 Ascot)
Lambourn: **REAL GAIN** (5.05 Ascot)
North: **SHADOW ARMY** (6.15 Ascot)
Cotswolds: **NOELS DESTINY STAR** (3.15 Worcester)



TV GUIDES

2.30: Make Haste made an impressive winning debut at Naas (5f, gd), while the Ballydoyle filly, **Truly Enchanting**, was equally impressive at Tipperary (5f, sft). Karl Burke trained the winner of this in 2022 and the third last year. He's represented by **LEOVANNI**, who had little trouble dispatching the opposition at Nottingham (5f, gd-fm) on her introduction and is fancied to make a bold bid. Wesley Ward is also no stranger to winning this contest, having landed it on four occasions, and **Ultima Grace** made a winning debut at Keeneland (5f, fm) in April. **Miss Rascal** is a C&D (gd) winner worthy of a second glance, while **Spherical** and **Xanthe** are both winning debutants representing powerful yards.

3.05: In a competitive affair, a chance is taken on **MINA RASHID**. He looked an out-and-out stayer when scoring in determined fashion at Chester (1m4f, gd-frm) on his seasonal reappearance recently, and the son of Almanzor gets the vote to outrun his forecast odds with his stamina drawn out further. **Illinois** (second) finished ahead of **Meydaan** (third) when the pair met in the Lingfield Derby Trial (1m3f, gd) last month, form which has been well advertised by the winner since, and the former can confirm his superiority over that rival here. **Birdman** overcame a steady pace to score cosily at Navan latest (1m5f, gd-sft) and also merits consideration.

3.45: Laurel hasn't been seen since disappointing in last year's Lockinge at Newbury (1m, gd) and although she is set a stiff task for her reappearance run, the daughter of Kingman is in masterful hands and isn't one to take lightly. However, it may pay to side with **OCEAN JEWEL**. The daughter of Sioux Nation took care of last year's winner (gd) of this contest **Rogue Millennium** (third) and **Orchid Bloom** (fourth) in a Group 2 at the Curragh (1m, gd) last month and she was well in command at the finish. This race is likely to be run to suit and she gets the vote, while **Breege** accounted for **Running Lion** in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom (1m, gd-sft) earlier in the month and she completes the shortlist.

4.25: Lord North won this in 2020 (1m2f, gd) and he can still go well at the age of eight with William Buick riding on this occasion. A win may prove beyond him, and if **AUGUSTE RODIN** is at his best, he is hard to oppose. Five times a Group 1 winner, he was last seen finishing second in the Tattersalls Gold Cup (1m2f, gd-sft) and is a class act on his day who may prove too good for these. **Inspiral** had an off day in the Lockinge (1m, gd) at Newbury on her return, but steps back up in trip and is expected to have come on plenty from that initial outing. Ability wise, she wouldn't be far off the selection and were he to fluff his lines, the daughter of Frankel may take full advantage.

5.05: Four-year-olds have an excellent recent record in this contest and so a chance can be taken on **METAL MERCHANT**, who meets his recent Newbury (1m, gd) conqueror **Sonny Liston** on 5lb better terms. A big-field scenario will play to his strengths, as will this C&D, so it would come as no surprise were he to find further progress. The form of **Beshtani**'s Epsom (1m, gd-sft) second received a timely boost when Two Tempting struck again on Saturday and he merits the utmost respect from an unchanged mark, while **Real Gain**, who represents the same owner, is also noted. The unexposed **Wild Tiger** bids to complete a hat-trick following wins at Yarmouth (7f, gd) and Goodwood (7f, gd) recently, while **Ropey Guest**, who often runs well here, could hit the frame at a big price.

5.40: HOPEFUL has made a pleasing start to life in handicaps, posting two solid placed efforts from as many attempts and the most recent of which saw her fare best of those who raced prominently when finishing third behind a subsequent winner at Newmarket (1m, gd) last month. Off an unchanged mark with plenty of pace forecast, Andrew Balding's strong-travelling filly gets the nod to return to winning ways. **Summer Of Love** impressed when giving weight and a beating to her rivals at Kempton (7f, pol) on her seasonal reappearance earlier this month, racing prominently before asserting close home, and another bold bid looks likely off a workable opening mark. **Mystic Pearl** and **Adelaise** also warrant respect in what is a typically wide-open affair.

6.15: With seven of these arriving unbeaten, something has to give in a fascinating renewal. **Rudi's Apple** is tempting after his debut third at Tipperary (5f, sft) with trainer Joseph O'Brien happy with how much he has improved since and he could go close at a big price. **Gabaldon** may be the best of the American challengers after his winning debut at Gulfstream Park (5f, frm) and, if the rains stays away, he should get involved, but **PONT NEUF** might hold the aces. Unbeaten after two starts at Kempton (5f, pol) and Salisbury (5f, sft), he has shown a willing attitude each time and could be finishing well from off the pace with a clear run.

VITAL STATISTICS

IN-FORM TRAINERS (last 10 days) G Tutty 80% (2 wins and 2 places from 5 runners), J Chapple-Hyam 71% (1/4/7), G Boughey 62% (13/7/32), F O'Brien 56% (2/8/18), S & E Crisford 56% (1/8/16), H Morrison 55% (2/4/11), Harry Eustace 54% (2/5/13), W Haggas 53% (9/9/34), A Honeyball 50% (1/3/8), B Smart 50% (2/1/6), D Pipe 50% (2/4/12), P Nicholls 50% (1/1/4).

IN-FORM JOCKEYS Emisael Jaramillo 62% (3 wins and 5 places from 13 runners), Amie Waugh 55% (2/4/11), Andrew Breslin 50% (1/1/4), B Loughnane 50% (8/13/42), Charlie Hammond 50% (3/1/8), Gavin Sheehan 50% (4/2/12), Grace McEntee 50% (1/1/4), J Gilligan 50% (1/4/10), James Bowen 50% (2/3/10), Kielan Woods 50% (2/2/8), Pat Dobbs 50% (1/1/4), Shariq Mohd 50% (1/1/4).

THE SCOUT

1.45 Twoforthegutter
2.15 Jungle Drums
2.50 Gold Black
3.30 Flying Scotsman
4.10 John L Sullivan
4.50 Naturalia
5.25 Sea Girt

1.45 APPRENTICE HANDICAP £3,664 (Class 6)1m 5f 16yds (9 dec)

1 (1) 431 ● **TWOFORTHEGUTTER (13) (C)** C Kellett 4 9 10 .. **Mark Winn**
2 (4) 8LL **REAMS OF LOVE (83)(T)** D J Jeffreys 6 9 8...... **F Daly(7)**
3 (3) 6-64 **THE NAVIGATOR (13)** D Sayer 9 9 7 ...... **Archie Young(5)**
4 (8) 6LL **MOUSH (23)** L Bailey 4 9 7.......... **K S McHugh(7)**
5 (2) 930 **EPONA PAS (7)** J Goldie 4 9 6 .... **Amie Waugh(3)**
6 (9) L24 **LAUDABLE (21)** T Davidson 4 9 6..... **Millie Wonnacott(3)**
7 (5) 266- **TRAILBLAZER (J99)** A Nicol 5 9 3 .... **W Pyle(3)**
8 (6) L31 **CRYSTAL GUARD (16) (D,F)** I Jardine 6 9 1.... **M Tabti(3)**
9 (7) L9L- **PAMMI (J10) (C)** J Goldie **9 9 0** .... **Kaiya Fraser(3)**

BLINKERS: No. 1 VISOR: No. 9 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 6, 7, 8.
W-F: Trailblazer (67); Crystal Guard (64); Twoforthegutter (63).
SP FORECAST: 9-4 Crystal Guard, 5-2 Twoforthegutter, 5 Trailblazer, 13-2 The Navigator, 8 Laudable, 12 Epona Pas, 20 Pammi, 33 Moush, Reams Of Love.

2.15 EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES 2YO £4,806 (4) 5f 7yds (5)

1 (1) 222 **GEORGECANDOIT (19)** J O'Keeffe 9 7 .... **J Garritty**
2 (4) 36 **GOBSMACKED (22)** K Ryan 9 7 .... **T Eaves**
3 (2) ● **JUNGLE DRUMS** K R Burke 9 7.......... **Oisin Orr**
4 (3) L5 **JOSHUAS DREAM (19)** J Goldie 9 5 .... **P Mulrennan**
5 (5) **TIPPY TOP** I Jardine 9 2.......... **A Mullen**

W-F: Georgecandoit (82); Gobsmacked (63); Joshuas Dream (61).
SP FORECAST: 10-11 Georgecandoit, 6-4 Jungle Drums, 12 Gobsmacked, 14 Tippy Top, 20 Joshuas Dream.

2.50 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE)2YO £5,400 (4) 6f 6yds (8)

1 (5) 7 **HERECOMESTHEBEAR (42)(T)** H Palmer 9 7.... **P Mulrennan**
2 (7) 3 **LUCIUS AURELIUS (21)** K Ryan 9 7 .... **T Eaves**
3 (4) 04 **SHAZANI (14)** C Johnston 9 7 .... **C Beasley**
4 (2) 43 **TRIPLE CHARGED (16) (F)** K R Burke 9 7.......... **D Costello**
5 (6) **FORCE OF HONOUR** Craig Lidster 9 4 .... **W Pyle(5)**
6 (3) ● **GOLD BLACK(T)** R Fahey 9 4 .... **Oisin Orr**
7 (1) 4 **PRETTY THING (20)(T)** D Loughnane 9 2 **Laura Pearson**
8 (8) **WHO WANTS ME** I Jardine 8 13 .... **A Mullen**

W-Factor: Triple Charged (75); Shazani (74); Pretty Thing (73).
SP FORECAST: 4 Triple Charged, 9-2 Gold Black, 5 Pretty Thing, 6 Herecomesthebear, Lucius Aurelius, 13-2 Shazani, 8 Who Wants Me, 10 Force Of Honour.

3.30 RACINGWITHPRIDE HANDICAP £3,926 (5)1m 3f 15yds (8)

1 (1) 750 **BOHEMIAN BREEZE (17)** C Johnston 4 9 9.......... **A Mullen**
2 (3) 4-44 **JACKHAMMER (13) (C)** D Sayer 10 9 8 .... **D Costello**
3 (5) 69L- **TILSITT (174)** R M Smith 7 9 4.......... **W Pyle(5)**
4 (7) 455 **SPANISH HUSTLE (21) (C&D,F)** J Goldie 6 9 4 .... **Kaiya Fraser(5)**
5 (6) 2L5- **HONDO (269)** L Russell 4 9 3.......... **Oisin Orr**
6 (2) 525- **PURPLE GOWN (J116)** A Nicol 5 9 2.......... **B Robinson**
7 (8) 754 ● **FLYING SCOTSMAN (49)** B Haslam 7 9 1.**P Mulrennan**
8 (4) 464 **JAMINOZ (7) (C)** L Russell 5 9 0.......... **Archie Young(7)**

BLINKERS: No. 8 VISOR: No. 7 TONGUE STRAP: No. 3 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 6.
W-Factor: Tilsitt (83); Bohemian Breeze (82); Purple Gown (81).
SP FORECAST: 7-2 Jackhammer, 4 Purple Gown, 5 Spanish Hustle, Jaminoz, 6 Bohemian Breeze, 8 Hondo, 10 Flying Scotsman, 14 Tilsitt.

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4.10 'HAMILTONS TAXI COMPANY' HCAP 3YO £3,926 (5) 1m 68yds (5)

1 (2) L61 **ROSENZOO (6) (D)** C Johnston 10 0(6ex) .... **A Mullen**
2 (1) 432 **MYSTERYOFTHESANDS (11)(T)** T Easterby 9 10 **S B Kirrane**
3 (4) 521 ● **JOHN L SULLIVAN (8) (D)** L Russell 9 6(6ex) **Oisin Orr**
4 (3) 926- **FINN IRONSIDE (173)** Craig Lidster 9 4.......... **T Eaves**
5 (5) 767 **JAZZ SCENE (37)(T)** Sir M Prescott 9 3........ **P Mulrennan**

TONGUE STRAP: No. 3.
W-Factor: Mysteryofthesands (79); John L Sullivan (76); Rosenzoo (74).
SP FORECAST: 9-4 Rosenzoo, 5-2 John L Sullivan, 3 Mysteryofthesands, 5 Jazz Scene, 10 Finn Ironside.

4.50 BOTHWELL CASTLE FILLIES' HCAP £3,926 (5)1m 68yds (7)

1 (1) 210- **BANNER ROAD (213) (D)** L Russell 5 10 0 **Archie Young(7)**
2 (5) 2L3 **TAKES TIME (26)(T)** D Loughnane 3 9 7.. **Laura Pearson**
3 (3) 324 **PERSIAN PHOENIX (17)** C Johnston 3 9 6 .... **Oisin Orr**
4 (2) 5-31 ● **NATURALIA (20) (F)** D Whillans 3 9 6.......... **A Mullen**
5 (6) 56L- **ROSE BRANCH (180)(T)** H Palmer 3 9 6........ **P Mulrennan**
6 (4) 45-6 **CAPELLINA (60)** M Dods 3 9 5.......... **C Beasley**
7 (7) 134- **AMAYRETTO (233) (D,T)** T Easterby 3 9 4 .... **S B Kirrane**

CHEEK PIECES: No. 6.
W-Factor: Banner Road (65); Persian Phoenix (64); Takes Time (63).
SP FORECAST: 9-4 Naturalia, 3 Persian Phoenix, 6 Amayretto, 7 Banner Road, Capellina, 15-2 Rose Branch, 12 Takes Time.

5.25 RACINGTV.COM HANDICAP£3,664 (6) 1m 1f 35yds (11)

1 (7) 5LL **ZUMAATY (33) (D)** J Goldie 6 9 10.......... **Kaiya Fraser(5)**
2 (4) 413 **HOT TEAM (13) (C&D,T)** P Morris 8 9 9.... **Rhys Elliott(7)**
3 (11) 735 **PACO'S PRIDE (16)** D Bourke 4 9 7 .... **Mark Winn(3)**
4 (2) 086 **ANJICIAN (51)** Paul Traynor (IRE) 7 9 7.......... **Oisin Orr**
5 (8) 3-86 **PROPAGATION (16)** D Sayer 6 9 5.......... **D Costello**
6 (5) 274 ● **SEA GIRT (21)** I Jardine 4 9 5.......... **A Mullen**
7 (10) 020 **NATIONAL QUESTION (7)** A Nicol 4 9 4.......... **B Robinson**
8 (3) L0/5 **PENELOPE'S SISTER (48)** J Goldie 4 9 4...... **P Mulrennan**
9 (1) 532 **FANZONE (14)** L Bailey 7 9 3 .... **Doubtful**
10 (9) 6LL **BEST GUESS (19)** F Murtagh **4 9 3** .... **W Pyle(5)**
11 (6) 756 **KNIGHT OF MAGIC (21)** C Grant **5 9 3** .... **C Beasley**

BLINKERS: Nos. 2, 7, 9, 10
TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 4, 6
CHEEK PIECES: No. 5 HOOD: No. 11.
W-Factor: Zumaaty (64); Sea Girt (63); Paco's Pride (62).
SP FORECAST: 4 Sea Girt, 9-2 Hot Team, 7 Propagation, 10 Paco's Pride, Penelope's Sister, 12 Zumaaty, Knight Of Magic, 16 Others.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good. Right Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2019-24):** Paul Mulrennan 17% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2019-24):** J Goldie 11% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 1.45 Pammi (visor), 3.30 Purple Gown (cheek pieces), Flying Scotsman (visor), Bohemian Breeze (cheek pieces), 4.50 Capellina (cheek pieces). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 4.50 Amayretto. 5.25 Fanzone(hcp). **DRAW:** Low to middle numbers best in sprints, especially on soft ground. **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Anjician** (5.25) Ireland; **Jazz Scene** (4.10) 360 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 3.30 **Hondo** from R Fell & S Murray to L Russell. 4.50 **Rose Branch** from G Boughey to H Palmer.

2.05 PLANETSPORTBET HANDICAP CHASE £3,248 (Class 5) 2m 110yds (11 dec)

1 P2-P **BLAZE A TRAIL (24) (D)** J & R Flint 10 12 0.......... **C Brace**
2 P13- **FINALSHOT (246) (D)** Mrs M Rowley 11 11 13.......... **C Deutsch**
3 6-P3 **FLOATING ROCK (18) (D)** M Gates 9 11 10.......... **C Ward(3)**
4 654- **GAMBIE TIEP (74) (D)** B Pauling 8 11 10........ **Beau Morgan(5)**
5 F5-3 **GROOM DE COTTE (41)** G Brown 8 11 8.......... **R McLernon**
6 31-1 ● **TONTO FOLEY (26) (D)** Christian Williams 6 11 6 .. **J Tudor**
7 4-1U **TROPICAL TALENT (15) (D)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 5 11 2 **H Brooke**
8 45-L **LET IT SHINE (20)** C Longsdon 6 10 9 .... **Lilly Pinchin**
9 6-6P **MOVES LIKE MONTY (12)** L Morgan 6 10 4.......... **A Wedge**
10 PL-L **SOLID FUEL (7)** Joanne Thomason-Murphy **6 10 2** ...... **J Best**
11 PP-5 **LONIMOSS BARELIERE (8)** B Summers **8 10 2** .**P Armson(3)**

BLINKERS: No. 11 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 5, 6, 7, 11 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 3, 8.
W-Factor: Blaze A Trail (106); Gambie Tiep (101); Finalshot (100).
SP FORECAST: 9-4 Tonto Foley, 5 Tropical Talent, 13-2 Gambie Tiep, 7 Finalshot, 8 Let It Shine, 10 Blaze A Trail, Floating Rock, 14 Groom De Cotte, 16 Others.

2.40 RORY DALY HANDICAP CHASE £4,700 (4) 2m 4f (13)

1 P6-3 **LE CAMELEON (22) (D)** K Bailey 9 12 0.......... **G Sheehan**
2 5LL- **DEFAN (256)** Alexandra Dunn 8 11 13 .... **N Scholfield**
3 36-1 **BOB BOB RICARD (20)** Jonjo & A O'Neill 6 11 11 **Jonjo O'Neill Jr**
4 1L6- **NO NO MAESTRO (54) (D)** F O'Brien 9 11 11.......... **J J Burke**
5 L-PL **JUDGE EARLE (18) (C&D)** P & M Bowen 12 11 11.......... **S Bowen**
6 P-LP **JONY MAX (18)** Christian Williams 9 11 8.......... **J Tudor**
7 364- ● **BARTON KNOLL (245)** J Mackie 12 11 8 .... **B Hughes**
8 23-3 **HARDY BOY (26) (D)** B Pauling 7 11 6.......... **B R Jones**
9 P3-3 **CAPE VIDAL (34)** A Honeyball 7 11 6 .... **S Twiston-Davies**
10 3-14 **POZO EMERY (15)** L Morgan 9 11 5 .... **J Kington**
11 63-3 **CHESS PLAYER (23) (C)** B Pauling 9 11 4 .... **K Woods**
12 21-L **DUKE OF LUCKLEY (30) (D)** M Keighley 7 11 0.......... **J Best**
13 5-P4 **YOU SAY NOTHING (18)** Christian Williams 9 10 12 .. **R T Dunne**

VISOR: Nos. 8, 12 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 4, 6, 9 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 3, 4, 10, 11.
W-Factor: No No Maestro (129); Chess Player (126); Hardy Boy (125).
SP FORECAST: 3 Bob Bob Ricard, 5 Hardy Boy, 8 Chess Player, Cape Vidal, Barton Knoll, 12 Le Cameleon, Duke Of Luckley, Pozo Emery, 14 Others.

3.15 OPEN NH FLAT RACE (GBB RACE) £2,451 (5) 2m (12)

1 3 **ELYSIAN KNIGHT (34)** N Mulholland 5 11 0.. **S Twiston-Davies**
2 7-71 **HOLOKEA (45)** P & M Bowen 5 11 0.......... **J Bowen**
3 4 **ROCKET MAN (39)** E Lavelle 5 11 0.......... **J A Anderson(3)**
4 **ALL WELL AND GOOD** O Murphy 4 10 9 .... **S Bowen**
5 FP-0 **AS GOOD AS CAN BE (52)** C Dyson 4 10 9.......... **D Noonan**
6 **CONFINENTIC** C Gordon 4 10 9.......... **R Dingle**
7 **EVERYBODYDANCENOW** N Twiston-Davies 4 10 9 **J Brace(7)**
8 6 **PATCH MAN (28)** Sir M Prescott 4 10 9.......... **H Cobden**
9 7-F8 **STEEL SOLDIER (38)** J Norton 4 10 9.......... **J Williamson(3)**
10 **THEATRE OF FLIGHT** Jonjo & A O'Neill 4 10 9 ...... **R McLernon**
11 **WARFLEET** F Brennan 4 10 9.......... **G Sheehan**
12 ● **NOELS DESTINY STAR (S)** B Pauling 5 10 7 .... **B R Jones**

W-F: Elysian Knight (105); Rocket Man (102); Patch Man (73).
SP FORECAST: 4 Noels Destiny Star, 9-2 Elysian Knight, 6 All Well And Good, Rocket Man, Patch Man, 8 Holokea, 10 Theatre Of Flight, Everybodydancenow, Confinentic, 25 Others.

3.55 SAVILLS HANDICAP HURDLE £4,066 (4) 2m (12)

1 124- **HIDALGO DE L'ISLE (245)** D McCain 7 12 0 .... **B Hughes**
2 236- **GALATA BRIDGE (58) (D)** Dr R Newland & J Insole 7 11 13 **S Twiston-Davies**
3 30/L **CILLIANS CHARM (14)** James Owen 7 11 12 .... **C P O'Shea(7)**
4 543/ **BALLYWOOD (1132)** Georgie Howell 10 11 11. **Tabitha Worsley(3)**
5 10/8 **ENKI FLACKE (32) (D)** O Murphy 7 11 11 .... **S Bowen**
6 L5-U **SEA PRINCE (15) (D)** A Hales 8 11 8.......... **K Woods**
7 P-3U ● **FORGET THE WAY (18) (C&D,F)** James Owen 7 11 4.... **H Cobden**
8 1-21 **CAWTHORNE BANKER (24) (D)** Jonjo & A O'Neill 6 11 3 **Jonjo O'Neill Jr**
9 LP-6 **CLEAR THE RUNWAY (36) (D)** L Morgan 8 11 3......... **A Wedge**
10 47-1 **FANDABIDOZI (41)** G Hanmer 6 10 13 .... **Doubtful**
11 P-34 **ADDOSH (20) (D)** S Edmunds 6 10 12 .... **C Hammond**
12 257- **IOLAOS DU MOU (56)** Mrs Stella Barclay 6 10 12..... **D Noonan**

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 7, 10, 11 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 8, 9, 10 HOOD: No. 3.
W-F: Forget The Way (121); Galata Bridge (120); Addosh (119).
SP FORECAST: 3 Cawthorne Banker, 5 Forget The Way, Hidalgo De L'isle, 8 Sea Prince, 10 Galata Bridge, 12 Addosh, 16 Clear The Runway, Iolaos Du Mou, 20 Others.

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THE SCOUT

2.05 Tonto Foley
2.40 Barton Knoll
3.15 Noels Destiny Star
3.55 Forget The Way
4.35 Seeyouinmydreams
5.15 Ten Ten Twenty
5.50 Socialist Agenda

4.35 NOVICES' HURDLE (GBB RACE) £4,193 (4) 2m (12)

1 35 **BRISTOL HILL (17)** K Frost 6 11 2.......... **L Edwards**
2 P-68 **DARK SOLDIER (6)** Sheila Lewis 5 11 2.......... **Sean Houlihan**
3 **IBIZA ROCKS (F36)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 6 11 2 **H Brooke**
4 **MIDNIGHT SHIMMER (F76)** N Mulholland 6 11 2 .... **J Bowen**
5 9 **PENNANT LEGACY (18)** D Hamer 5 11 2 .... **B R Jones**
6 0/P-1 ● **SEEYOUINMYDREAMS (43)** P Nicholls 6 11 2...... **H Cobden**
7 36-4 **TOUCHWOODEXPRESS (22)** N Twiston-Davies 5 11 2 ... **S Twiston-Davies**
8 L7- **WONDER KING (218)** Noel Williams 6 11 2 .... **James Davies**
9 4 **DOUBLE OBAN (18)** O Murphy 4 10 11 .... **S Bowen**
10 83 **KINTARO (11)** D Pipe 4 10 11.......... **J Tudor**
11 48 **SOLUTION (8)** J & S Best 4 10 11.......... **T Cannon**
12 **FRENELOPE** N Mulholland 6 10 9 .... **R McLernon**

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 6, 11 HOOD: No. 6.
W-F: Seeyouinmydreams (125); Bristol Hill (104); Kintaro (101).
SP FORECAST: 1-2 Seeyouinmydreams, 13-2 Kintaro, 10 Double Oban, 12 Frenelope, Bristol Hill, Touchwoodexpress, 25 Solution, 33 Midnight Shimmer, Ibiza Rocks, 66 Others.

5.15 SAVILLS HANDICAP HURDLE £3,248 (5) 2m (11)

1 L/24- **JOHNNY BOOM (F117)** S Lycett 6 12 0 .... **K Woods**
2 3-61 **LUCKY LOVER BOY (13) (D)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 9 11 12 **H Brooke**
3 P-05 **WELL VICKY (24) (D)** A Ralph 7 11 7.......... **D Bass**
4 FL7/ **POUR ME A DRINK (F9)** J & S Best 8 11 5 .... **N Scholfield**
5 00-1 **MELTON MOSSY (20) (D)** E Williams 5 11 4.......... **A Wedge**
6 L8L- **ELOSO (F12)** J & S Best 6 11 3.......... **T Cannon**
7 0-50 **PITTSBURG (12)** R Potter 8 11 2.......... **S Bowen**
8 5P/9 **RAZZO ITALIANO (21) (D)** G Hanmer 7 11 1.......... **R T Dunne**
9 5PP/ **INVICTUS DE BRION (436)** C Gordon 6 11 0......... **F Gordon(5)**
10 536- ● **TEN TEN TWENTY (F16) (C&D)** D J Jeffreys 6 10 11.. **T Bellamy**
11 F-34 **GORCOMBE MOONSHINE (14)** R Walford 7 10 11........ **H Kimber**

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 7, 8, 11.
W-F: Pittsburg (103); Johnny Boom (97); Ten Ten Twenty (95).
SP FORECAST: 11-4 Melton Mossy, 10-3 Lucky Lover Boy, 6 Johnny Boom, 13-2 Gorcombe Moonshine, 10 Pour Me A Drink, 12 Pittsburg, 14 Ten Ten Twenty, Eloso, 16 Others.

5.50 EVENTMASTERS.CO.UK HCAP HURDLE £3,248 (5) 2m 4f (12)

1 L2-1 **HILLSIN (21)** A Jones 6 12 0 .... **J Turner(7)**
2 06-5 **DASHER (32)** N Twiston-Davies 6 11 13.......... **F Lambert(3)**
3 687- ● **SOCIALIST AGENDA (F48)** L Morgan 8 11 13 .... **A Wedge**
4 11-R **VOODOO DOLL (32) (C&D)** E Williams 11 11 10...... **Miss E Williams(7)**
5 31L- **HEDERA PARK (252) (C&D)** D Hamer 6 11 10 .... **H Cobden**
6 4-13 **JAXONNE (28)** Jonjo & A O'Neill 5 11 8.......... **Jonjo O'Neill Jr**
7 PP/9 **HELIOS ALLEN (18)** P Taylor 7 11 8.......... **T Bellamy**
8 L-64 **NO WAY PEDRO (15) (C&D)** Daisy Hitchins 10 11 5.. **Beau Morgan(5)**
9 3L-L **CARNET DE STAGE (31)** D J Jeffreys 9 11 4 .... **R McLernon**
10 L4-U **INTO THE SUNSET (17) (D,F)** D McCain 7 11 4 .... **T Gillard**
11 5-63 **ONLY FOOLS (26)** D Pipe 5 11 2.......... **J Tudor**
12 57-4 **EMANATE (34) (C)** N Mulholland 6 10 13.... **S Twiston-Davies**

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 9, 11 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 3, 4, 12 HOOD: No. 11.
W-Factor: Only Fools (102); Dasher (101); Jaxonne (100).
SP FORECAST: 7-2 Hillsin, 4 Socialist Agenda, 13-2 Jaxonne, 7 Dasher, 8 Only Fools, 10 Into The Sunset, Hedera Park, 12 Voodoo Doll, 14 Others.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good. Left Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2019-24):** Sam Twiston-Davies 18% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2019-24):** F O'Brien 21% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 2.05 Let It Shine (cheek pieces), 3.55 Hidalgo De L'isle (wind surgery), 5.15 Johnny Boom (tongue strap), Well Vicky (tongue strap), 5.50 Carnet De Stage (tongue strap). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 2.05 Let It Shine(hcp hdl). 2.40 Duke Of Luckley(hcp ch). 3.15 Patch Man, Rocket Man. 3.55 Forget The Way(hcp ch). 5.50 Hedera Park(hcp hdl), Voodoo Doll. **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Judge Earle** (2.40) & **Holokea** (3.15) 176 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 2.05 **Groom De Cotte** from S Curran to G Brown. 3.15 **As Good As Can Be** from Derek O'Connor in Ireland to C Dyson, **Holokea** from Garry Aherne to P & M Bowen, **Steel Soldier** from Mary Ellen Doyle in Ireland to J Norton. 3.55 **Ballywood** from A King to Georgie Howell, **Iolaos Du Mou** from N Henderson to Mrs Stella Barclay. 5.15 **Melton Mossy** from L Horsfall to E Williams. 5.50 **Voodoo Doll** from Mrs S Williams to E Williams.

ROCK-SOLID RODIN BEST

Last year's Derby hero can bounce back to his top form

By **The Scout** (Melissa Jones)

MASTER of his craft Aidan O'Brien aims for an A-grade with **AUGUSTE RODIN** (4.25, nb) in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot today.

The talented colt was awarded top marks for brilliant comebacks in Epsom's Derby and the Irish Champion Stakes on home turf.

Inspired by a daring ride from Ryan Moore, Auguste Rodin wrapped up his three-year-old campaign in the Breeders' Cup Turf at Santa Anita.

O'Brien chose to stable Coolmore's future stallion for another season.

And that decision can be rewarded, following the top-rated runner's positive spin in the Tattersalls Gold Cup behind big-race absentee White Birch.

Moore, hot favourite to scoop an 11th trophy for leading rider, chases a double with Duke Of Cambridge Stakes fancy **LAUREL** (3.45).

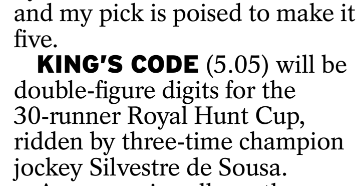
Backed for Lockinge glory when last seen, owners Juddmonte persevere with the daughter of their sire Kingman.

With her excellent record fresh, there will be no excuses despite a 396-day break in this Group Two event, back against mares and fillies.

O'Brien has dominated the Queen's Vase in the last decade and puts up a strong defence of his record with four runners.

Moore has chosen Lingfield Derby Trial second Illinois over my selection **HIGHBURY** (3.05), who has Wayne Lordan in the saddle. The stayer galloped on strongly for a seven-and-a length Leopardstown victory and that is far from the bottom of the barrel.

Brazilian handler Diego Dias is making waves in Ireland – and **MAKE HASTE** (2.30) is worthy of utmost respect in the Queen Mary Stakes. Blue Point's speedy offspring engaged the turbo for an emphatic Naas victory, where she looked the likely winner from some way out. Four of the past eight renewals have been landed by fillies with a sole debut score and my pick is poised to make it five.



TALENTED: Auguste Rodin is on the comeback trail

KING'S CODE (5.05) will be double-figure digits for the 30-runner Royal Hunt Cup, ridden by three-time champion jockey Silvestre de Sousa.

A progressive all-weather performer, the four-year-old gelding continued on the up when returned to turf racing in May.

In new headgear, trainer David Evans has kept his charge busy over 10 furlongs, running him as recently as a few days ago at Chester.

Back over a mile, this tough competitor should be in his element off a strong pace and his trainer has delivered handicapping goods before here with Rohaan.

Highly regarded by Saeed bin Suroor, **SUMMER OF LOVE** (5.40) is a red-hot prospect for the Kensington Palace Stakes title.

Her trainer has enjoyed success at this meeting in recent years and this low-mileage four-year-old is expected to improve plenty from a mark of 88.

Hindered by soft ground at Sandown, Richard Hannon's trainee **HAWAIIAN** (6.15) will be more streetwise than most in the Windsor Castle Stakes.

RESULTS

ROYAL ASCOT: Good to firm

2.30–CHARYN (S De Sousa, 10-3 fav) 1; Docklands (10-1) 2; Maljoom (15-2) 3. 13 ran. 2¼l, 2¾l. (R Varian). Tote: £4.34; pl £1.70, £3.70, £2.85. exacta: £37.00. tricast: £243.89. trifecta: £202.60. CSF: £34.26. Non-runner: Royal Scotsman.

3.05–RASHABAR (Billy Loughnane, 80-1) 1; Electrolyte (40-1) 2; Columnist (50-1) 3; Cool Hoof Luke (40-1) 4. 22 ran. ns, hd, ½l. (B Meehan; 4-1 fav Camille Pissarro). Tote: £129.90; pl £18.35, £7.95, £11.90, £8.30. exacta: £4210.60. tricast: £83273.26. trifecta: £122667.10. CSF: £2007.95. Non-runner: Andesite.

3.45–ASFOORA (O Murphy, 5-1 2nd fav) 1; Regional (6-1) 2; Big Evs (11-4 fav) 3; Believing (9-1) 4. 17 ran. 1l, ½l, shd. (Henry Dwyer (AUS)). Tote: £6.00; pl £2.00, £2.55, £1.35. exacta: £40.00. tricast: £104.09. trifecta: £152.00. CSF: £32.20.

4.25–ROSALLION (S M Levey, 5-2 2nd fav) 1; Henry Longfellow (11-2) 2; Metropolitan (20-1) 3. 8 ran. nk, 3l. (R Hannon; 6-4 fav Notable Speech). Tote: £3.60; pl £3.60, £1.30, £1.60. exacta: £17.10. tricast: £205.99. trifecta: £111.10. CSF: £15.20.

5.05–PLEDGEOFALLEGIANCE (L Morris, 20-1) 1; Divine Comedy (8-1) 2; Kyle Of Lochalsh (12-1) 3; Get Shirty (33-1) 4. H'cap 20 ran. ½l, 2½l, ½l. (Sir M Prescott; 9-2 fav Zanndabad). Tote: £22.00; pl £4.10, £7.10, £5.05. exacta: £206.20. tricast: £2055.82. trifecta: £2159.40. CSF: £166.68.

5.40–ISRAR (J Crowley, 11-4 jt fav) 1; Haunted Dream (14-1) 2; Torito (7-2) 3. 15 ran. 3¼l, shd. (J & T Gosden; 11-4 jtfav Botanical). Tote: £3.75; pl £1.35, £3.55, £1.80. exacta: £33.40. tricast: £143.75. trifecta: £188.90. CSF: £39.78. Non-runner: Certain Lad.

6.15–BELLOCCIO (W Buick, 4-1 jt 2nd fav) 1; Lmay (40-1) 2; My Mate Mozzie (12-1) 3; Alsakib (11-2) 4. H'cap 16 ran. 1¼l, shd, 1¼l. (W P Mullins (IRE) ; 7-2 fav A Piece Of Heaven). Tote: £5.70; pl £2.20, £11.40, £4.90. exacta: £210.90. tricast: £1821.77. trifecta: £3244.60. CSF: £173.28.

Jackpot: Not won, pool of £22,465.65 carried over.
Placepot: £5,406.40
Quadpot: £25.70

BEVERLEY: Good to soft-soft in places

6.05–PAP'S TURF (Mark Winn, 5-1) 1; Footwork (3-1 2nd fav) 2; I Need Your Love (5-1) 3. 7 ran. 2¼l, 2½l. (A Keatley; 5-2 fav Houndsworth). Tote: £6.00; pl £2.40, £2.00. exacta: £16.80. trifecta: £80.00. CSF: £19.61. Non-runner: Good Reward.

6.40–COPPULL HALL LANE (H Crouch, 8-13 fav) 1; Phoenix Of Dreams (2-1 2nd fav) 2; Rogue State (13-2) 3. 8 ran. 2¼l, 3¾l. (E Bethell). Tote: £1.62; pl £1.10, £1.10, £1.30. exacta: £2.30. trifecta: £5.40. CSF: £2.32. Non-runner: Ghaihaban.

7.15–SUNNY ORANGE (D Fentiman, 10-3 2nd fav) 1; Emu War (10-1) 2; Gidwa (12-1) 3. H'cap 11 ran. 5½l, ½l. (T Easterby; 2-1 fav Port And Starburd). Tote: £4.34; pl £1.40, £3.00, £3.20. exacta: £33.80. tricast: £371.99. trifecta: £235.60. CSF: £38.05. Non-runner: Glory Call.

7.45–DISTINCTION (J Fanning, 13-2) 1; Wait And Hope (11-1) 2; Poet's Dawn (7-1) 3. H'cap 7 ran. 2l, nk. (J Mackie; 5-2 fav Puella Law). Tote: £7.50; pl £3.00, £4.60. exacta: £67.50. tricast: £511.55. trifecta: £266.80. CSF: £69.39. Non-runners: Challet, Running Star.

8.15–MAKALU (JP Sullivan, 7-2 jt fav) 1; Star Of St James (7-2 jt fav) 2; Little Ted (6-1) 3. H'cap 10 ran. 1l, 3½l. (R Carr). Tote: £4.50; pl £1.40, £1.80, £2.20. exacta: £15.00. tricast: £71.90. trifecta: £70.50. CSF: £14.59.

8.45–FREDDY ROBINSON (B Robinson, 7-4 fav) 1; Regency Boy (8-1) 2; Three Platoon (40-1) 3. H'cap 10 ran. nk, 1½l. (B Ellison). Tote: £2.75; pl £1.30, £1.90, £9.20. exacta: £15.80. tricast: £416.26. trifecta: £356.40. CSF: £16.00.

Placepot: £68.50
(Race 1) 3, 1; (2) 6, 3, 9; (3) 3, 9, 8; (4) 8, 9; (5) 5, 10, 1; (6) 4, 6, 2.
Quadpot: £34.30

BRIGHTON: Good to firm

6.30–WRESTLING REVENUE (Jack Doughty, 5-4 fav) 1; The Defiant (15-2) 2; Batchelor Boy (9-2) 3. H'cap 4 ran. 1¾l, 2¼l. (A Carroll). Tote: £2.25; exacta: £8.70. trifecta: £15.30. CSF: £9.86. Non-runner: Porterinthejungle.

7.00–MISS NIFTY (J Leavy, 25-1) 1; Alashos (18-1) 2; Gold Medallist (5-2 2nd fav) 3. 7 ran. shd, ½l. (J S Moore; 2-1 fav Breakout Star). Tote: £27.60; pl £8.10, £5.80. exacta: £173.00. trifecta: £1336.00. CSF: £351.15. Non-runner: Naina.

7.30–KING OF SCOTIA (W Carver, 12-1) 1; Ceilidh (12-1) 2; Oh So Audacious (9-4 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l. (J Osborne; 85-40 fav Local Bay). Tote: £13.00; pl £3.30, £3.00, £1.40. exacta: £130.90. tricast: £444.82. trifecta: £433.40. CSF: £140.36. Non-runners: Edmund Ironside, Micks Dream, Poetic Force.

8.00–CORPORATE RAIDER (Dylan Hogan, 4-1) 1; Robert Walpole (25-1) 2; Largo Bay (6-1) 3. H'cap 7 ran. 1½l, 1¼l. (J Feilden; 9-4 fav Cloudy Rose). Tote: £5.00; pl £2.10, £8.60. exacta: £77.20. tricast: £540.54. trifecta: £324.80. CSF: £78.61. Non-runners: Miss Raindrop, The Conqueror.

8.30–HAVANA MOJITO (D Keenan, 10-1) 1; Viridian (9-2 2nd fav) 2; Tres Chic (5-4 fav) 3. H'cap 9 ran. nk, 2¾l. (J Gallagher). Tote: £11.90; pl £3.40, £2.10, £1.30. exacta: £74.10. tricast: £95.67. trifecta: £173.40. CSF: £53.37. Non-runners: Maverick Style, Spirit La Adelita.

9.00–ELECTRIC AVENUE (A Keeley, 7-1) 1; Adace (4-1 fav) 2; Fayasel (9-2 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 8 ran. nk, 1l. (G Baker). Tote: £8.00; pl £2.70, £1.90, £1.90. exacta: £42.00. tricast: £143.72. trifecta: £244.80. CSF: £36.41. Non-runner: Big Bard.

Placepot: £8,051.80
(Race 1) 3; (2) 5, 1; (3) 3, 8, 10; (4) 4, 5; (5) 11, 3, 7; (6) 3, 6, 5.
Quadpot: £29.80

CATTERICK: Good to soft-soft in places

2.15–THE DANCING POET (Mr Matt Brown, 85-40 fav) 1; Natchez Trace (3-1 2nd fav) 2; Made For You (17-2) 3. H'cap 9 ran. 2¼l, ¾l. (B Ellison). Tote: £3.20; pl £1.30, £1.10, £2.60. exacta: £10.50. tricast: £43.38. trifecta: £47.20. CSF: £8.43.

2.50–EDUCATING RITA (C Beasley, 13-8 fav) 1; Kitten In The Sky (11-1) 2; Desdemona (7-2 2nd fav) 3. 8 ran. 1l, 2l. (M Dods). Tote: £2.63; pl £1.10, £2.80, £1.40. exacta: £18.80. trifecta: £42.20. CSF: £20.13. Non-runners: Horus, Lionhart, Westgate Warrior.

3.30–HIGH OPINION (A Brookes, 9-2 co fav) 1; Birkenhead (9-2 co fav) 2; Mereside Angel (5-1) 3. H'cap 9 ran. ¾l, ¾l. (B Smart; 9-2 cofav Honour Your Dreams). Tote: £6.00; pl £1.90, £1.70, £1.70. exacta: £26.50. tricast: £104.86. trifecta: £147.30. CSF: £24.47.

4.10–ANIMATE (R Scott, 12-1) 1; Highjacked (11-2 jt 2nd fav) 2; Labalaba (5-4 fav) 3. H'cap 9 ran. hd, ½l. (G Harker). Tote: £13.00; pl £2.90, £1.80, £1.10. exacta: £83.90. tricast: £140.89. trifecta: £275.10. CSF: £76.33. Non-runners: Crypto Quest, Invincible Speed, Nights Over Egypt.

4.50–SEA THE DREAM (C Beasley, 2-1 fav) 1; Mister Sox (10-3 2nd fav) 2; Woodstock (11-1) 3. H'cap 9 ran. nk, 1½l. (E Bethell). Tote: £3.00; pl £1.10, £1.30, £3.10. exacta: £10.60. tricast: £57.58. trifecta: £62.50. CSF: £8.52. Non-runner: Fortamour.

5.25–INFINITE HONOUR (D Muscutt, 11-8 fav) 1; Little Venice (11-2) 2; Made In China (9-2 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 6 ran. 4l, 1½l. (S Corbett). Tote: £2.38; pl £1.10, £2.60. exacta: £8.00. tricast: £23.76. trifecta: £23.70. CSF: £8.87. Non-runners: Bella Grazia, Honrado, Kinetic.

Placepot: £6.00
Quadpot: £3.40

STRATFORD: Good

1.30–CAWTHORNE CRACKER (Toby Wynne, 7-2) 1; Evenwood Sonofagun (11-4 fav) 2; Magistrato (9-2) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 2¼l, 1½l. (O Greenall & J Guerriero). Tote: £4.50; pl £1.50, £1.40, £1.70. exacta: £14.90. tricast: £43.17. trifecta: £68.70. CSF: £14.10. Non-runner: Pak Army.

2.05–JUAN BERMUDEZ (H Skelton, 5-6 fav) 1; Jazz King (4-1) 2; Flighttothestars (50-1) 3. 10 ran. 3¼l, 1½l. (D Skelton). Tote: £1.84; pl £1.10, £1.50, £7.90. exacta: £5.00. trifecta: £68.50. CSF: £4.55.

2.40–GO GO CHICAGO (K Woods, 10-11 fav) 1; Pacific (17-2) 2; Golden Moonshake (40-1) 3. 9 ran. nk, 13l. (D Killahena & G McPherson). Tote: £1.91; pl £1.10, £1.70, £6.00. exacta: £12.10. trifecta: £118.40. CSF: £10.52. Non-runner: Jazzmina Queen.

3.15–THEONLYWAYISWESSEX (T Cannon, 4-1) 1; Invincible Wish (33-1) 2; Clean Getaway (10-3 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 9 ran. 9½l, ¾l. (A King; 3-1 fav Dusky Days). Tote: £5.00; pl £1.80, £7.20, £1.30. exacta: £138.30. tricast: £490.48. trifecta: £690.60. CSF: £110.87.

3.55–DONNIE AZOFF (G Sheehan, 12-1) 1; Takeit Easy (4-1) 2; King Otis (5-1) 3. H'cap 9 ran. 9l, 1½l. (J Snowden; 9-4 fav Ilanz). Tote: £14.70; pl £3.20, £1.50, £1.70. exacta: £75.80. tricast: £276.79. trifecta: £360.00. CSF: £59.74.

4.35–BBOLD (H Reed, 3-1 fav) 1; Do No Wrong (7-2 jt 2nd fav) 2; Storm Control (25-1) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 2¼l, 12l. (Daisy Hitchins). Tote: £4.00; pl £1.30, £1.50, £4.50. exacta: £13.80. tricast: £214.12. trifecta: £194.10. CSF: £14.40.

5.15–COME ON NIA (J Martin, 9-2) 1; Sanitiser (9-4 fav) 2; Ned Cash (22-1) 3. H'cap 10 ran. 1¼l, 2½l. (Andrew Martin). Tote: £6.40; pl £1.60, £1.20, £5.40. exacta: £15.80. tricast: £199.31. trifecta: £189.20. CSF: £15.14. Non-runner: Ocean Heights.

5.50–CLIMATE PRECEDENT (H Skelton, 3-1 jt fav) 1; Lookingdandy (9-2) 2; Ryder's Rock (10-1) 3. H'cap 10 ran. 5½l, shd. (D Skelton; 3-1 jtfav City Roller). Tote: £4.00; pl £1.50, £1.90, £2.70. exacta: £19.00. tricast: £118.43. trifecta: £144.10. CSF: £16.42.

Placepot: £32.30
Quadpot: £18.50

W INDIES V ENGLAND

1.30AM TOM, SKY SPORTS

From **Rory Dollard** in St Lucia

TOPLEY EXPECTING BIG HITTERS TO HOLD SWAY

REECE TOPLEY says England and West Indies' bowlers might have to suck it up and "take their medicine" on a St Lucia surface that is pitch-perfect for a batting showcase.

Record-breaking bowling displays have dominated the tournament so far, with just three innings of 200 or more in the entire group stage.

But two of those have come in the past three days at the ground in Gros Inlet ahead of defending champions England meeting the co-hosts in a battle of the big hitters.

The West Indies hit 218-5 against Afghanistan at the venue yesterday – the highest total to date – while Nicholas Pooran's 53-ball 98 also set a tournament record.

While batsmen in both line-ups will be relishing the prospect in their first game of the Super 8s, Topley accepts life will be harder for those at the other end. "The wickets have been kind to bowlers so far so it might be time to take a bit of medicine," he said.



TOP MAN: Pooran set tournament best

"We might be in the business of problem solving now. Things are a bit more complicated as a bowler but the mission is the same. Fundamentally, it's still the same – you're trying to nullify someone else's strengths.

"You can probably say towards the end that a single is a win now, whereas last week you could be a bit more attacking and aggressive with field placings. Our batters might be licking their lips, though, and, hopefully, they can deliver the goods."

England all-rounder Liam Livingstone is a major doubt for the match despite getting the all-clear after a side problem.

He did not attend training yesterday after feeling unwell, with Sam Curran set to hold his place.

Paceman Chris Jordan has also been under the weather, with England monitoring his fitness as they look to choose between his skills at the death and Mark Wood's electric pace.

In recent years, England teams have become accustomed to dominating crowds in the Caribbean, with large travelling support comfortably outnumbering the local contingent.

But that will not be the case this time on an island where the bond between public and team burns bright. The Daren Sammy Cricket Stadium is named after the West Indies' current coach, the first St Lucian to play international cricket and a two-time T20 World Cup-winning captain, while one of the stands is dedicated to another local boy done good – opener Johnson Charles.

For once, there is no question about England feeling like the away team.

Topley said: "We've not played in front of an 'opposition crowd' for a long time now, even when we were here in November it was very well supported by English fans. Maybe the West Indies will be trying to get their own back for our fans.

"One of the funniest parts of the job is playing in front of those different atmospheres and we want it to be one of the nights we look back on as an important one for us going all the way."

WEST INDIES (probable): King, Charles, Pooran, Hope, Powell (c), Russell, Rutherford, Hosein, Joseph, Motie, McCoy.

ENGLAND (probable): Buttler (c), Salt, Bairstow, Brook, Mooen, Jacks, Jordan, Curran, Archer, Rashid, Topley.

England attack about to find life's a pitch



HARD YARDS: Topley says the bowlers may have to 'take their medicine'

Walker hit hard by Burrow's battle

RUGBY LGE

By **Dave Craven**



WALKER: Paying tribute to Burrow

LEEDS assistant coach Chev Walker still breaks down in tears thinking about former team-mate Rob Burrow.

The club are preparing to honour their fallen giant when they host Leigh on Friday.

A sell-out crowd is expected for Rhinos' first home game since Burrow, 41, died almost three weeks ago after battling motor neurone disease. Fittingly, it will be held on Global MND Awareness Day.

Walker came through the Rhinos academy with Burrow and played more than 150 first-team games alongside him, including the club's maiden Grand Final glory in 2004. The ex-Great Britain ace said: "It is going to be an emotional night but, hopefully, we do Rob proud.

"It has been a real tough time, obviously for all of us who played with Rob, but there's lads here who were coached by him in the Academy as well. He was such a character. You couldn't not like him. Everyone has been really affected.

"Just today, I was messaging Baz [McDermott] saying how one moment I'd be laughing thinking about something Rob did and the next I'd suddenly just be emotional and crying again.

"But what a fight he gave."

WORLD OF SPORT

McIlroy and Lowry in line for Olympics

GOLF

RORY McILROY and Shane Lowry are set to represent Ireland at the Paris Olympics at former Ryder Cup venue Le Golf National.

The qualifying period ended at Sunday's US Open where runner-up McIlroy blew a two-shot lead with five holes to play.



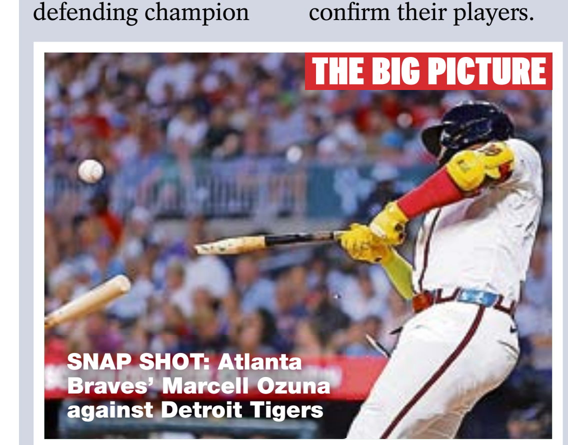
McILROY

The United States are the only nation to have more than two qualifiers in the 60-strong field. World No.1 Scottie Scheffler, defending champion Xander Schauffele, Wyndham Clark and Collin Morikawa will represent the USA.

The world's top 15 were eligible, with a limit of four players per country. Countries without players in the top 15 can take a maximum of two. Matt Fitzpatrick and Tommy Fleetwood qualified for Team GB.

Each National Olympic Committee have until June 27 to confirm their players.

THE BIG PICTURE



SNAP SHOT: Atlanta Braves' Marcell Ozuna against Detroit Tigers

Golden quartet in GB squad for Paris

HOCKEY

FOUR of Great Britain's Olympic gold medallists from Rio 2016 are in the women's hockey squad for the Paris Games.

Laura Roper, who also has two bronze medals from London and Tokyo, will make her fourth appearance at the age of 36 while captain Hollie Pearne-Webb, Lily Owsley and Giselle Ansley have all been selected for a third Olympics. Six other players also have Olympic experience, while there are six debutants, including Tess Howard, who missed out in 2021 with a knee injury.

Britain's men have not won an Olympic medal since taking gold in 1988. Their squad features 20-year-old defender Conor Williamson, who made his England debut last August.

10 to tackle

1. Which Inverness Harriers AAC runner won the Night of the 10,000m PBs women's championship last month?
2. **Of which nation is Tyson Beukeboom the most-capped women's rugby union player?**
3. Which festive figure presented Celtic with the 2023-24 Scottish Premiership trophy?
4. **Which team made history during the 2015 Cricket World Cup by scoring 400 runs in successive matches?**
5. Who won three consecutive men's singles titles at Wimbledon in the inter-war period?
6. **Which Briton won the Formula 1 World Drivers' Championship in 1976?**
7. Which British runner won the men's 800m and 1,500m at the 1920 Olympics?
8. **For which basketball team did Larry Bird play from 1979 to 1992?**
9. Which British city hosted the men's WPA World Nine-ball Championship from 1999 to 2003 inclusive?
10. **Which low-ranking country were winners of football's European Championship in 2004?**

RATINGS
0-3 Oh dear
4-6 Small beer
7-9 So near
10 Sporting Seer

ANSWERS: 1 Megan Keith. 2 Canada. 3 Santa Claus. 4 South Africa. 5 Fred Perry. 6 James Hunt. 7 Albert Hill. 8 Boston Celtics. 9 Cardiff. 10 Greece.

Dubois in line for AJ

BOXING

ANTHONY JOSHUA is close to agreeing his next fight, with British rival Daniel Dubois the expected opponent on September 21.

Joshua, 34, posted on social media: "Nearly finished my negotiations for my next fight! Feeling motivated."

Dubois stopped Filip Hrgovic in their IBF interim title clash on June 2, and the IBF world title could be at stake against Joshua if, as expected, it is stripped from Oleksandr Usyk for failing to face Dubois.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Euro 2024 - Group F

PORTUGAL (0) 2 CZECH REP (0) 1
Hranac 69 (og), Francisco Conceicao 90; Provod 62

TURKEY (1) 3 GEORGIA (1) 1
Muldur 25, Guler 65, Akturkoglu 90; Mikautadze 32

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Portugal	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Czech Rep	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Georgia	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

BASKETBALL

NBA FINALS: Boston Celtics 106 Dallas Mavericks 88 (Boston Celtics wins series 4-1).

CRICKET

ICC MENS T20 WORLD CUP - Group C: West Indies v Afghanistan (Gros Islet): **West Indies** 218-5 (20 overs; N Pooran 98); **Afghanistan** 114-10 (16.2 overs; O C McCoy 3-14). **West Indies (2pts) win by 104 runs.**

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	RR
W Indies (Q)	4	4	0	0	0	8	3.257
Afg'stan (Q)	4	3	1	0	0	6	1.835
New Zealand	4	2	2	0	0	4	0.415
Uganda	4	1	3	0	0	2	-4.510
Papua N G	4	0	4	0	0	0	-1.268

CYCLING

WOMEN'S TOUR DE SUISSE - Stage 4 (Champagne - Champagne, 127.5km): 1 D Vollering (Ned) 3h 17m 53s. **Final overall:** 1 Vollering 9h 3m 17s, 2 N Bradbury (Aus) +1m 28s.

SWIMMING

EUROPEAN AQUATICS CH'SHIPS (Belgrade)—**Women's 800m Freestyle final:** 1 A Kesely (Hun) 8m 29.96s, 2 F Lewis (Gbr) 8:33.54, 3 D Ertan (Tur) 8:34.31.

TENNIS

ATP CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS (The Queen's Club, London)—**1st rd:** A Murray (Gbr) bt A Popyrin (Aus) 6-3 3-6 6-3, J Draper (Gbr) bt M Navone (Arg) 6-3 6-2; T Fritz (USA) bt T Daniel (Jpn) 6-3 6-3; M Arnaldi (Ita) bt U Humbert (Fra) 3-6 6-1 7-6 (8-6); L Musetti (Ita) bt A de Minaur (Aus) 1-6 6-4 6-2; S Korda (USA) bt K Khachanov (Rus) 7-5 7-6 (7-5) A Tabilo (Chi) bt A Davidovich Fokina (Spa) 7-6 (8-6) 3-6 6-1; T Paul (USA) bt S Baez (Arg) 6-4 6-4; C Alcaraz (Spa) bt F Cerundolo (Arg) 6-1 7-5; B Harris (Gbr) bt T Etcheverry (Arg) 6-4 3-6 6-3; B Nakashima (USA) bt D Evans (Gbr) 4-6 6-3 0-0 ret; G Mpetshi Perricard (Fra) bt B Shelton (USA) 6-3 7-6 (7-3).

WTA ROTHESAY CLASSIC (Birmingham)—**1st rd:** E Mertens (Bel) bt C Wozniacki (Den) 6-4 6-1; B Krejcikova (Cze) bt D Saville (Aus) 6-1 7-6 (7-5) M Bouzkova (Cze) bt H Watson (Gbr) 3-6 6-4 7-5; H Dart (Gbr) bt M Uchijima (Jpn) 6-3 6-3; D Shnaider (Rus) bt A Rajecki (Gbr) 7-5 6-3; C Dolehide (USA) bt K Pliskova (Cze) 2-6 6-3 7-6 (7-5) Y Putintseva (Kaz) bt C Burel (Fra) 6-3 6-4; A Kalinina (Ukr) bt K Boulter (Gbr) 6-3 0-0 ret.

ATP TERRA WORTMANN OPEN (Halle, Germany)—**1st rd:** J Sinner (Ita) bt T Griekspoor (Ned) 6-7 (8-10) 6-3 6-2; A Zverev (Ger) bt O Otte (Ger) 6-7 (5-7) 6-3 6-4.

TODAY'S DIARY

Euro 2024 - Group A

Germany v Hungary (5pm) (Live on BBC 1)
Scotland v Switzerland (8pm) (Live on BBC 1)

Group B

Croatia v Albania (2pm) (Live on ITV 1)

CRICKET

ICC T20 World Cup - Group 2: USA v South Africa (North Sound, 3.30pm), England v West Indies (Gros Islet, 1.30am Thursday).

BORTHWICK SURE QUIN IS SET TO TURN DESPAIR INTO GLORY

From **Adam Hathaway** in Tokyo

STEVE BORTHWICK believes Marcus Smith's Premiership heartache is driving the Harlequin to make England's fly-half berth his own.

The England head coach has handed Smith the keys to No.10 for Saturday's Tokyo clash with Japan – just his fourth start in that position in the current regime.

On a dramatic day in the Far East, Borthwick pulled a fast one by naming his line-up two days earlier than scheduled but denied he was playing mind games with the master of mental trickery, Japan head coach Eddie Jones.

Smith's Quins did not make the end-of-season play-offs, meaning he has been in camp from the word go since the end of May. Fin Smith, his main rival for the shirt, with George Ford injured, did not arrive until after he had guided Northampton to the title on June 8 and celebrated the day after with an open-top bus parade, giving his namesake a two-week head start in training.



England have never won a game Marcus Smith has started at 10 under Borthwick, but the head coach has seen a new despair in the 25-year-old, who has won 32 caps without nailing down a starting berth.

Borthwick said: "I see a real competitor in Marcus – he is a player who is really internally driven. He wanted, as every player does at the end of the season, to play finals rugby with his club.

"But from the first moment he walked into camp, I sensed an even greater determination and hunger than I've ever seen in him.

"Marcus has been in since the day we assembled for our first preparation camp. He's done really well and brings a lot of experience.

"He's been in the England squad for a number of seasons and also brings that continuity since the latter part of the Six Nations.

"No player in a team needs to prove anything to me. I ask no more than they try their very hardest to bring their point of difference on Saturday."

Borthwick goes head-to-head with Jones for the first time after cutting his coaching teeth under the Australian with Japan and England between 2012 and 2019.

Former England captain Borthwick straight-batted questions about his old boss, but admitted he still learnt a trick or two off Jones. He said: "Everyone knows the quality of Eddie as a coach. He's incredibly well respected for all the good things he did for English rugby.

"In Japan, we had a mauling session in the sea where we ended up going into slightly deeper water and it turned out that one or two players didn't feel comfortable.

"I carried an iPad with me so I could film and show it to the players, because I couldn't communicate so well. The players embraced that."

Sale flanker Tom Curry goes straight on to the bench despite playing just 34 minutes of rugby since the World Cup after hip surgery.

ENGLAND: Furbank; Feyi-Waboso, Slade, Lawrence, Freeman; M Smith, Mitchell; Rodd, George (capt), Cole, Itoje, Martin, Cunningham-South, Underhill, Earl. **Replacements:** Dan, Marler, Stuart, Ewels, T Curry, Randall, F Smith, Roebuck.



A FRESH BLOW RULES OUT JAC

WALES have been dealt a major injury blow with flanker Jac Morgan ruled out of Saturday's Test against South Africa and the summer tour to Australia.

Morgan, who was Wales' World Cup co-captain with Dewi Lake last year, missed this season's Six Nations because of a knee injury.

But he now has a hamstring problem that he suffered during Ospreys' United Rugby Championship quarter-final defeat by Munster on June 7.

And the Welsh Rugby Union have released him from the squad, meaning he misses the Springboks encounter at Twickenham, plus Tests against Australia in Sydney and Melbourne on July 6 and 13 respectively.

Marcus backed to become the perfect 10 for England

TOKYO GOAL Marcus Smith trains and, inset, with main rival for No.10, Fin Smith

Porzingis ignores pain as Celtics clinch record



IT'S ONE GIANT PARTY: Porzingis celebrates

BASKETBALL
By **Keith Webster**

BOSTON CELTICS reached for the heights in more ways than one to become the most successful team in NBA history.

Kristaps Porzingis – the 7ft 2in Latvian who missed games three and four of the NBA finals series with an injury – returned to help them beat the Dallas Mavericks 106-88.

That clinched a 4-1 series win and the Celtics' 18th NBA title, now one more than old rivals the Los Angeles Lakers.

Porzingis played just 16 minutes but helped to spark the team with five points and a rebound.

He said: "I gave everything I could. And, man, it feels great to be a champion."

Porzingis was ruled out last week with a dislocated tendon in his left ankle and was still doubtful on the morning of the game but he passed a late fitness test and entered the game midway through the first quarter to huge cheers from the Boston crowd.

"Tonight was the night," he said. "I'm super happy to be a part of this and give something to the team."

Porzingis also revealed he had to suck up the pain to play his part in the triumph.

He said: "It was something torn. My tendon is just out of place. It pretty much hurts on every step. I was like, 'I don't know how I'm going to play, if I'm going to play'. But my mindset was always, I'm going to try to find a way how I can manage this.

"And somehow I got it going for this game. A lot of it was like the adrenaline from playing in front of our fans and having that opportunity to close it out. And, man, I got it going."



EVANS BLOW CLOUDS WIN FOR ANDY

Murray loses doubles partner



By **Neil McLeman**

ANDY MURRAY'S return to winning ways in his 1,000th ATP Tour match was overshadowed by a potentially serious knee injury to his Olympics doubles partner Dan Evans.

The tearful British No.3 said he was "heartbroken" and "worried" after slipping and screaming in pain during his singles match at Queen's Club.

Evans has pulled out of the doubles here with Murray and will learn in the next 48 hours if his dream to partner the Scot in Paris in his likely last appearance has been shattered. He was level at one set each with American Brandon Nakashima when the slip happened. Evans said: "If I miss the Olympics or Wimbledon, it would be a tough one to swallow.

"I think it's the MCL [medial collateral ligament]. I've got to wait 48 hours, let it settle, then get a scan. I'm in limbo."

Murray, who will play doubles at SW19 with his brother, Jamie, said: "I just heard when I got to the locker room. I haven't spoken to him.

"A doubles player on the court next to him said he heard him. It sounded pretty bad. Hopefully, the damage isn't too significant."

Murray might be able to play with Jack Draper or Cam Norrie in Paris. The Scot said: "I have no idea how that works, if we're able to change teams now."

The former world No.1 struggled with his own fitness issues before beating world No.48 Alexei Popyrin, below, 6-3 3-6 6-3 at the cinch Championships amid joyous scenes.

Murray had lost his previous three matches – in Geneva, Paris and Stuttgart – and had not won an ATP Tour match since before his ankle injury in Miami in March or with his new Yonex racket.

But, back on the grass where he has won five times, Murray showed he is not ready to retire quite yet – and he will face another Aussie, Jordan Thompson, in the second round today. But he struggled in the second set and limped off the stage after his post-match press conference.

Murray, who wrote "1,000!" on the TV camera, said: "I have felt better. I didn't realise it was my 1,000th match until my mum told me just before I came out. Genuinely, I didn't know that was how many I had played. It is a lot of matches, a lot of wear and tear on the body.

"I have had a very long career and it's been really good to me, but it's been tough on the body, as well."

The world No.129 added: "Any win that you can get is important, that's why we're playing. With Wimbledon a few weeks away I want to build up confidence and get matches in my legs. It's great to get another win."

British No.6 Billy Harris recorded the best win of his career when he beat world No.32 Tomas Martin Etcheverry 6-4 3-6 6-3.

DAN AND OUT: Evans receives treatment



SHOUT IT LOUD Andy Murray screams in delight during his ever-more-rare ATP tour victory

Draper out to dethrone king Carlos of Spain

By **Neil McLeman**

JACK DRAPER "can't wait" to take on Carlos Alcaraz after winning his first match as British No.1 in only 54 minutes.

The big left-hander brought the form that won him his first ATP Tour title in Stuttgart on Sunday to beat Argentinian Mariano Navone 6-3 6-2 at Queen's. Draper's reward is a second-round clash with the Wimbledon and French Open champion.

"We all know how good Carlos is," said Draper. "It's probably one of the biggest tests in tennis right now.

"It will be an amazing test to feel where I am. I can't wait to go out and compete with Carlos. It will be an incredibly exciting match-up."

Alcaraz started the defence of his title with his 13th consecutive win on grass.

The world No.2 needed only 29 minutes to win the first set against world No.26 Francisco Cerundolo. He then came back from 4-1 down in the second and saved three set points to win 6-1 7-5 in 82 minutes. "I'm really happy with everything I've done and hopefully I'll keep going," said the Spaniard.

Alcaraz said he will ask for the match be staged earlier in the day so he can watch Spain versus Italy in the football tomorrow night.

"I will request to play earlier," he said with a grin. "I mean, the Euros are every four years. Now is the time to watch Spain."

England play Denmark at 5pm, but Draper said: "I didn't even know they were playing."

Last year's runner-up Alex de Minaur was a first-round casualty, losing 1-6 6-4 6-2 to Italian Lorenzo Musetti.



DRAPER: Cleared way for big clash

BOULTER: Forced to retire yesterday

Boulter's gruelling schedule takes toll

KATIE BOULTER'S winning run came to a premature end in Birmingham.

The British women's No.1 was forced to retire ill after the first set of her opening match against Anhelina Kalinina.

Boulter had retained her Rothesay Open title in Nottingham on Sunday by outlasting both Emma Raducanu and Karolina Pliskova on the same day.

But she had admitted after battling through those two matches in one day – forced because of bad weather – that she was not feeling well.

She nevertheless headed to Edgbaston Priory, but the 27-year-old struggled from the start against Ukrainian Kalinina yesterday and called her trainer and the doctor trailing 5-2.

Boulter had her temperature and blood pressure taken and took some paracetamol before carrying on.

But, after losing the set 6-3, she shook her head and called it a day.

"I'm fine," said Boulter, who has been battling a cold. "But it has been a long 10 days.

"I wanted to come here anyway – I wanted to try – but I'm just not quite ready yet.

"I was quite sick during Nottingham but I tried to stay in that tournament as long as I possibly could, as bad as I was feeling.

"From my third match on I was really struggling. But I just tried to get through it and finish the week. It's probably a little bit of a combination of everything."

Chief among Boulter's motivations was the chance to secure a Wimbledon seeding, but she is now at risk of dropping out of the top 32 at the crucial moment.

"It's not the be all and end all but it was a chance for me to get seeded there," said Boulter, who is still planning to play at Eastbourne next week.

CLARETS EYE RUUD

By David Anderson

RUUD VAN NISTELROOY is in the running to succeed Vincent Kompany as Burnley manager.

The Clarets are scouring Europe for a new boss and former Manchester United striker Van Nistelrooy, right, won the Dutch Cup in his one season in charge of his old club PSV Eindhoven in 2023. He left last summer, citing differences with the board and he could move to Turf Moor with Henrik Jensen, who has just left Swedish club Kalmar, as his No.2.

Van Nistelrooy, 47, does not have a lengthy coaching CV, but he did star for United between 2001 and 2006, scoring 150 goals in 219 appearances.

SUMMER SALE IS HOT

By David Anderson

BRIGHTON are leading the chase for Leeds' £30million-rated forward Crysencio Summerville.

The Seagulls have registered their interest in the Championship Player of the Year, who scored 21 goals last term.

Chelsea and Crystal Palace are also monitoring Summerville, above, and Brighton believe the 22-year-old could replicate his form in the top flight.

Leeds must sell after missing out on promotion, despite Red Bull's cash injection easing their financial worries.

The Dutchman has two years left on his deal and Leeds hope interest will drive up the price.

United 'too soft to play through pain'

By David McDonnell

ERIK TEN HAG has a novel theory about Manchester United's injury woes last season.

The United manager is of the belief that several players were not mentally tough enough to cope with criticism, causing some to be unable to play through the pain.

United suffered an unprecedented number of injuries as they toiled to their worst Premier League finish of eighth, although they ended the season by beating Manchester City to win the FA Cup.

Injuries forced Ten Hag, right, to use more than 30 different defensive combinations, though he obviously felt some problems were in players' heads.

Jonny Evans, signed ostensibly as defensive cover, played regularly, while Willy Kambwala, 19, was also drafted in.

Ten Hag confided to those close to him that it was "crazy" to have to throw such an inexperienced defender straight into the side.

He also wanted to ration the appearances of midfielder Kobbie Mainoo, 19, but was forced to continue playing him regularly because of a lack of options in his position.



EURO CRASH: England fell at the final hurdle three years ago

Lions play like scaredy cats

CAPELLO SAYS FATIGUE AND FEAR TO BLAME

From John Cross

FABIO CAPELLO believes England are gripped by "fear" because they have not won a trophy in 58 years.

He also says his "dream" job of managing the Three Lions was made impossible because his players were tired going into tournaments.

The decorated 78-year-old says both factors undermined his chances of success – and he clearly feels they are still an issue.

Capello, who led England to the 2010 World Cup finals but came home early, was at Wembley to watch them lose the last Euros final and thinks the fear factor was the reason they failed to end their long wait.

The ex-AC Milan and Real Madrid head coach – talking to Rio Ferdinand on UEFA's Legends Lounge show – said: "It was my dream to manage England. I found a really good team but I said always that in spring you can play any team, September also.

"But in June we are tired. When you play the World Cup, the Euros, the team played without confidence, with fear. Then I remember the last game in the Euros, at Wembley, they were winning, then after 20 minutes they started playing the long ball from the keeper.

"Why? They have a fear. Why? It's such a long time with no trophy."

Capello admitted he sometimes struggled to convince the England players about his methods when they were so different to those of previous coaches.

The Italian imposed iron discipline at team hotels with strict diets, no mobiles and a tough training regime.

Capello said: "As a manager, every day you are fighting against 45 people. They look at you every day and ask 'what are you doing?' They are scared.

"But respect is very important. I learned from my old manager when I was a player and he would say 'you play like you train'."

Ferdinand, who played under Capello for England, revealed the players were so hungry once they sneaked out to order some fast food to bring back to their room.

The former centre-half, who said Capello tried to sign him as a kid, recalled: "Me, John Terry, Ashley Cole, Stevie Gerrard, Frank Lampard – we were all there eating McDonalds like scavengers."

He added: "My agent called me when I was at West Ham and said 'Fabio wants to sign you for Roma.' I thought it was a joke. But I think I was too young."

Capello believes Kylian Mbappe will be the player of the tournament because Jude Bellingham has become tired after the final strenuous few weeks of the season.

He said: "I think Mbappe. I want to see Bellingham. I saw Bellingham at Real Madrid and after six months he was fantastic, incredible player. Now I think he is a little bit tired."



IRON WILL: But Capello saw dream job turn sour

'IMPOSTER' FEAR TO POSTER BOY

Now Ollie is so much more hardy

From **John Cross** in Erfurt

OLLIE WATKINS suffered from "imposter syndrome" on his journey to the Euros.

The England striker has just enjoyed the season of his life after scoring 19 goals and providing 13 assists in the Premier League to help Aston Villa reach the Champions League.

But the 28-year-old says there were times when he did not really believe his own rise, especially after his move to Villa in 2020 which catapulted him into the big time.

When asked whether he ever had imposter syndrome, Watkins said: "Yeah, I'd say so. Even when I first went to Villa I'd just been bought for £30million and I was still unsure whether I deserved to be there.

"I hadn't done it in the Premier League yet, so I'd say there was a bit of that before. But now I'm in a really good place."

The season just gone has been his breakthrough year and put him in the England squad for his first major tournament.

Watkins credits his new mindset – and also defying people who were writing off his chances of making the Euros squad – as the reason.

He said: "Mindset. Mindset is huge. I spoke about it on a podcast.

"I was saying that you train every day physically and you can be really good technically but it takes a lot… as a striker you might not score for three games and then there will be self doubt creeping in in previous seasons.

"Whereas now I'll be calm because I know I'm going to get opportunities and then I'll back myself to score. Before, I might have been down on myself more.

"From my perspective, the media maybe underestimated me. I had a really good year, got the most assists in the league, scored a lot of goals and people still weren't including me in their squad to go to the Euros.

"Everyone has their own opinion but I don't feel like I have that big profile where I'm talked about. Or where if I was left out of the squad, people would say, 'I can't believe they didn't pick Ollie Watkins'. I'm happy I'm here now."

Watkins knows he is back-up for Harry Kane and talked up the captain's quiet performance against Serbia, insisting he had done a great job for the team.

Watkins believes he could play with Kane the way Heung-Min Son did for Tottenham.

And also said that sometimes an unexpected hero emerges as he pointed towards Joselu doing that for Real Madrid.

"I would like to play with H, because he drops in deep. He can play the No.10 role and he picks up a lot passes," said Watkins. "I feel it would be similar to when he was at Tottenham and picking the balls up and playing it through to Son. But I know we're blessed with a lot of talent in the No.10 role.

"I just have to be ready when I'm called upon. That's the mindset I've got. I'm ready for any opportunity that's thrown my way.

"You've seen it in the Champions League this year. Joselu didn't play much across the season but he came on and scored two very important goals in the semi-finals. Real Madrid wouldn't have won it without him."

END OF DOUBTS Watkins hits another for Villa to show he belongs and earn a call-up with Three Lions

We can be great Danes says Wieghorst

From **John Cross**

DENMARK assistant manager Morten Wieghorst insists they will not fear England and says they can "create a great result".

The Danes had a disappointing start with their draw against Slovenia but Wieghorst has no doubt that his players will react positively against the Three Lions. Denmark are still smarting at their Euros semi-final defeat three years ago when England got a late penalty after Raheem Sterling went down in the box and they accused the winger of diving.

They will be looking to set the record straight in Frankfurt tomorrow night, and former Celtic midfielder Wieghorst said: "Courage will be crucial for us to create a great result. I am not at all afraid or worried that our players will lack courage. We must not fear anything, we must attack but, of course, also have respect for who we meet. We have parked the Slovenia game. Everyone agrees on the evaluation we have come up with. There is nothing new to add.

"Denmark has shown many times that we can compete against the biggest nations. That is also the expectation against England. Overall, we have played good games against England before. We have made it difficult for them and we have a team that can threaten them. That is why we will also go after the victory.

"But it is clear that we have to control the tactics in such a match. We have seen some places where we can hit them. Conversely, it is also about not standing too far back on the field."



WIEGHORST: Holds no fears



SCHWABE: Tight-lipped over the dishes

Chef who is secret ingredient

By **Jeremy Cross**

THE award-winning German chef cooking England's meals has been banned from revealing the team's menu.

Danny Schwabe was awarded a Michelin star last year and is regarded as one of the best chefs in the country.

But before getting the gig he was made to sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) preventing him from discussing details of the food.

England have taken two of their own chefs.

Schwabe leads a team of seven local chefs in cooking all the meals, which are inspected by the two English cooks before being given to the players.

It is understood the players have been eating huge portions of pasta, rice and chicken – while Harry Kane has been asking for dishes of his favourite sushi.

Head coach Gareth Southgate places huge emphasis on what his squad eat, but has not banned any items like some of his predecessors.

But Southgate was so keen to make sure the food and facilities were up to scratch at the team base, he visited it five months before the tournament.

Southgate insisted on being given a tour of the hotel's kitchens, and sampled the food he knew would be served to his players during the tournament.

England will allow the WAGs into their training base after every group game.

Southgate is relaxed about family visits – the players' loved ones met up with each other after Sunday's opener in Gelsenkirchen.

They were also allowed into camp on Monday – and the same will follow for the next two games.

Unlike the showbiz circus of Baden-Baden in 2006, most families are not staying anywhere close and not all visited on Monday.

England striker Ollie Watkins said: "I had family for the game, which was nice. They'll come over, for sure. The facilities are top.

"It's nice the staff go the extra mile and put on these days in your down time to spend with your family.

"It's hard being away from home for a long period of time and not seeing young kids and family. It's nice."



MBAPPE: Will have a face mask fitted

Mbappe in doubt until knockouts

By **Alex Richards**

KYLIAN MBAPPE will miss France's Group D match against Holland on Friday – and may not be seen until the knockout stages.

The France captain left Les Bleus' opener a bloody mess on Monday night and was rushed to hospital in Dusseldorf, but did not need surgery after medical tests revealed a bone fracture.

French Football Federation president Philippe Diallo said: "They tried to reduce the aftermath of his fracture, for him to be able to stay in the tournament.

"All in all, I'd say the information was pretty positive."

That allayed fears that the soon-to-be Real Madrid superstar's tournament could be over.

When he returned to France's base camp early on Tuesday morning, Mbappe made it clear that he was desperate to return as soon as possible.

But after undergoing more medical tests and holding discussions with team doctor Franck Le Gall and head coach Didier Deschamps, Mbappe has agreed to sit out the meeting with Ronald Koeman's side in Leipzig.

He is now due to have his own personal protective mask built and fitted to allow him to return to light training.

SITTING

Rooney tips Mainoo as the perfect

From **Andy Dunn** in Blankenhain

WHEN Gareth Southgate's team faces Denmark in Frankfurt, it will be a major surprise if Trent Alexander-Arnold does not line up alongside Declan Rice in the centre of midfield.

But, in the long term, the role as Rice's partner is up for grabs, the jury still being out on Alexander-Arnold's suitability for the job.

Wayne Rooney, for one, believes the Liverpool man does not have the tools for the task. And the player Rooney, right, considers ideal for the role used the build-up to England's second game at Euro 2024 to make an eloquent pitch for the post.

Kobbie Mainoo said: "When I get to play next to him [Rice], it is always a joy to have someone so strong on the ball next to you and you can always trust him.

"It frees me up a lot and allows me to go forward and attack because I know I can trust him there. When he goes forward, I can sit in as well. It is a dream."

As it happens, Rooney was one of Mainoo's idols as he was growing up as an aspiring schoolboy striker. But, while he has shown his prowess in the final third – most memorably by scoring the decisive goal in the FA Cup final win against Manchester City – Mainoo sees his future as a box-to-box midfielder.

When asked his ideal position, the United starlet said: "I enjoy playing as an eight, I like attacking but I like defending as well.

"I was getting a bit frustrated playing striker [as a kid]. I wasn't getting the ball a lot and I love time with the ball, so it was more natural to move back, play 10 a bit, then I played on the wing and then centre midfield."

Wherever Mainoo plays, he shows a remarkably even temperament for a 19-year-old, struggling to recall the last time he lost his cool. "Ha, maybe when we won the FA Cup," he said. "I just try

STEPPING UP: Mainoo came off the bench to impress against Serbia

> 'Everyone dreams of scoring for your country'

CHILLED: Kobbie Mainoo must wait to start for England

PRETTY

future midfield partner for Rice

to take everything in my stride. Things have been happening quite quickly but I just try to take it a game at a time, a day at a time.

"It's been working for me so far."

And Mainoo has had a fair bit to take in his stride. After being injured in pre-season, he had to wait until late November of last year for his full Premier League debut.

But he soon established himself in a first team badly hit by a string of injuries. Catching the eye, he got an England call-up and finished off the club season in some style with that FA Cup victory over their neighbours at Wembley.

If this tournament goes to the Mainoo script, do not rule out the possibility of him having a scoring impact at Euro 2024. "That is what everyone dreams of doing, whether you are in the squad or a kid watching," he said.

"Everyone dreams of scoring big goals for their country."

Whether or not that happens, one thing is for sure. With players such as Mainoo, Phil Foden, Rice and Jude Bellingham leading the way, England's future beyond this tournament is bright.

And, having got to know Bellingham better, Mainoo was keen to add to the acclaim for England's jewel.

He said: "He is demanding, he sets and expects high standards, so to play with him and be around him is great.

"The things he has done at Real Madrid means he is rightly a contender for the Ballon d'Or."





WEMBLEY DELIGHT: Mainoo celebrates his goal in the FA Cup final win





JOINED FORCES Mainoo shares a joke with Rice before serious training, right

Kobbie thrilled that Ten Hag is staying at United

FROM BACK PAGE

we are going back to for pre-season."

After recovering from an injury sustained in pre-season, Mainoo was given his first Premier League start by Ten Hag last November and has been one of the United manager's go-to players ever since. And Mainoo, who came on as a late substitute during England's opening Euro 2024 vicory against Serbia on Sunday, has clearly developed a good relationship with the Dutchman.

The 19-year-old said: "I am so grateful for him that he put his trust in me and believed in me to play in the team. I can't thank him enough.

"He's given me tips on how he wants me to play. I came into the team late so he gave me instructions on how he wants me and the team to play and what my role is. He and all of his staff have helped me a lot."

Mainoo replaced Jude Bellingham, left, four minutes from the end of normal time in Gelsenkirchen on Sunday, winning his fourth cap, and is expected to fulfil a similar role when England face Denmark in Frankfurt tomorrow.



FODEN: Confident play will improve

Foden keen to bolster Jude bond

From **John Cross**

PHIL FODEN has admitted his link-up play with Jude Bellingham can get better.

Bellingham scored and was man of the match against Serbia on Sunday, while Foden struggled to find his usual space and opportunities in the game.

Foden has just enjoyed the season of his life with Manchester City, winning a fourth consecutive title and being crowned the Football Writers' Association Footballer of the Year.

But Gareth Southgate faces a challenge in getting the best out of two of his biggest talents and Foden admits the pair of them must work on improving their understanding.

Foden said: "Jude's obviously an exceptional talent. He's a leader now. Our link-up play is good at times and I think it's improving as well and can keep getting better."

England edged past Serbia 1-0 and face a tougher game against Denmark tomorrow as they look to build momentum.

Foden added: "The first game of a major tournament is always the most difficult. It's important to get off to a win and, yeah, we did that. It was difficult at times.

"Obviously, we had to defend at times and dig deep, but that shows a different side to us and if we're to win something I think we have to do that."



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City v Chelsea is for starters

By **Jeremy Cross**

MANCHESTER CITY versus Chelsea will be the headline act on the opening weekend of the new Premier League season.

Pep Guardiola, right, will take his holders to Stamford Bridge on Sunday, August 18, while promoted Ipswich have a blockbuster home game against Liverpool on Saturday, August 17.

Manchester United host Fulham on Friday, August 16. Leicester will host Tottenham on the Monday. Arsenal are at home to Wolves and Aston Villa are at West Ham.

Brentford will welcome the improving Crystal Palace.

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BUT EVANS RETIRES HURT: P59

ERIK'S MY MAIN MAN

Kobbie thrilled United kept faith with Ten Hag

GOOD MOVE: Mainoo at England camp and, below, with Ten Hag, who has shown such trust in him

From **Andy Dunn** in Blankenhain

KOBBIE MAINOO has welcomed Sir Jim Ratcliffe's decision to keep Erik ten Hag as Manchester United manager saying he would not be an England player without him.

The United midfielder is the first player to react to Ten Hag's reprieve and clearly believes it is the right move.

Mainoo said: "It's nice to find out that he's staying and we can continue building with him. He has won two trophies.

"It is good to have the peace of mind that we know what coach

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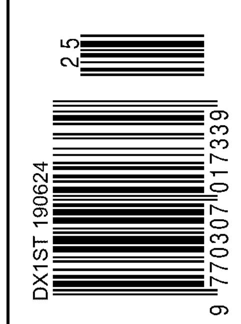
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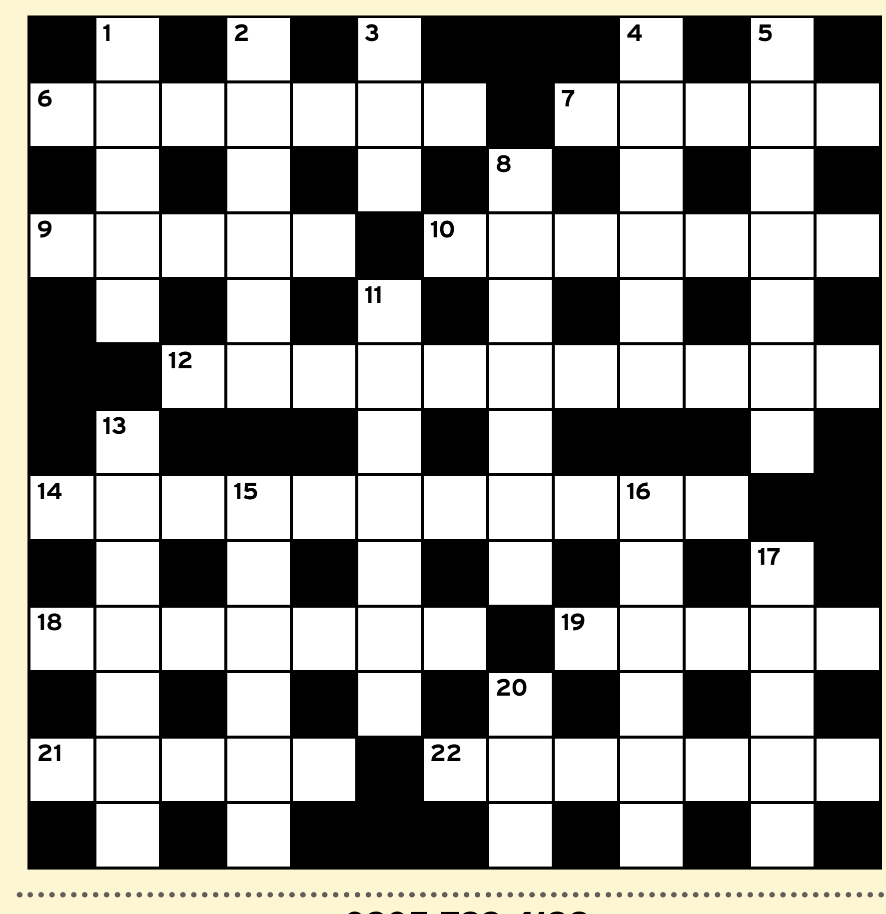
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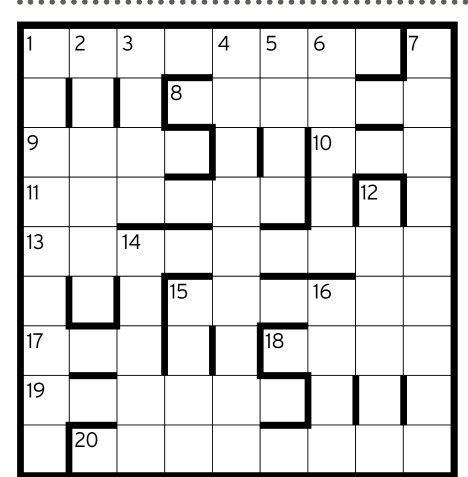
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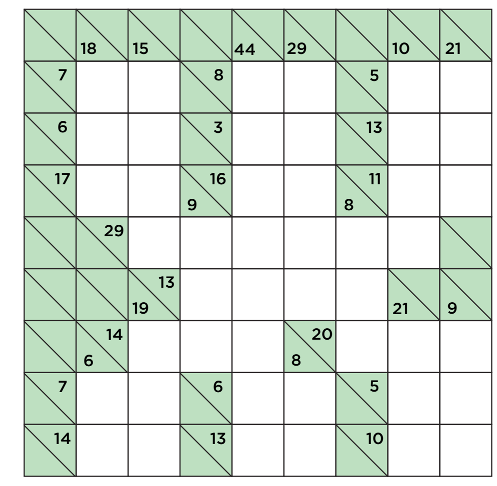
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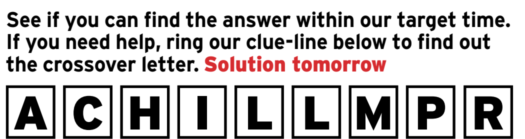
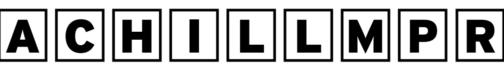
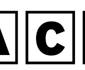
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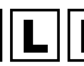
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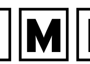
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Can you make two common five-letter words from the nine letters given, using each letter only once? You can – but only if one letter features in both words in the squares on the right. There's at least one way to do it, and you have to have the right letter at the crossover – but which one is it?

See if you can find the answer within our target time. If you need help, ring our clue-line below to find out the crossover letter. Solution tomorrow





A C H I L L M P R

Puzzles

QUIZWORD

ACROSS

1 Ancient Greek stringed instrument made of a resonating tortoise shell (4)
8 John Ford film featuring John Wayne as The Ringo Kid (10)
9 British overseas territory in the Caribbean Sea whose capital is The Valley (8)
10 Character in Shakespeare's play A Midsummer Night's Dream also called Robin Goodfellow (4)
12 & 14 1941 play by Noël Coward (6,6)
14 See 12
15 & 17 Across In classical mythology, the object of the quest of Jason and the Argonauts (6,6)
17 See 15
18 Noble family of Italy that governed Modena and Reggio from the 13th-18th centuries (4)
19 Tropical plant such as Sinningia speciosa having large bell-shaped flowers (8)
21 In music, an orchestral passage between verses of an aria (10)
22 Hebrew patriarch in the Old Testament who built an ark (4)

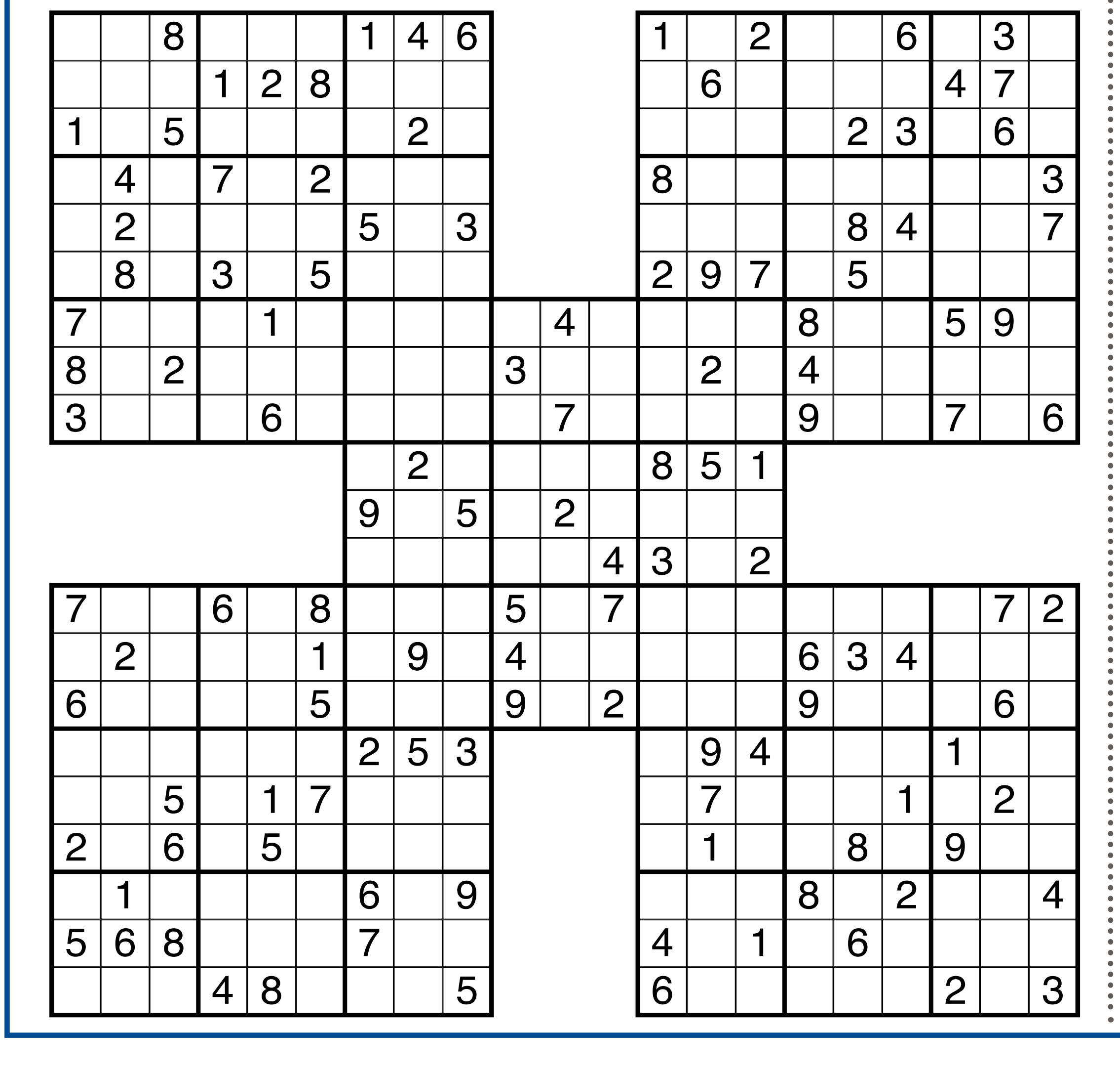
DOWN

2 'The --- ---', 1948 novel by Irwin Shaw (5,5)
3 Twin brother of Jacob in the Old Testament (4)
4 Richard, New Zealand Test cricketer who scored 151 n.o. against Sri Lanka at Colombo in 1987 (6)
5 City in north western France that hosts an annual motor race (2,4)
6 Mammal of the order Cetacea having a blunt snout and many teeth (8)
7 Tropical Asian leguminous tree, Butea frondosa, that yields a red resin used as an astringent (4)
11 Small mountain rodent of South America bred in captivity for its fur (10)
13 Gus Van Sant film starring Nicole Kidman and Matt Dillon (2,3,3)
16 Venue of the 1998 winter Olympic Games (6)
17 Claude, archdeacon in Victor Hugo's novel The Hunchback Of Notre-Dame (6)
18 River in Spain that flows to the Mediterranean southwest of Tarragona (4)
20 Silvery-white metallic element whose symbol is Fe (4)

Solution tomorrow

SAMURAI SUDOKU

In Samurai Sudoku, normal sudoku rules apply, but the 9x9 sudoku at the centre shares four of its 3x3 boxes with those of the outer sudokus.
Solution tomorrow



WORD BUILDER

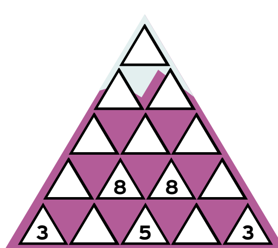
Answer each clue so that every word contains the same letters as the previous word, plus or minus one.
Solution tomorrow

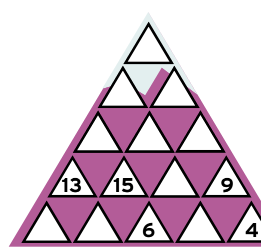
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1 Obstruction
2 Withstand
3 Sword
4 Roars
5 Peers
6 Marine mammal
7 Meadow

SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?





Solution tomorrow

QUIZWORD

Across: **7** Ounce, **8** Oregano, **9** Kremlin, **10** Death, **12** Becomes Her, **15** Kenilworth, **18** Nylon, **19** Sultana, **21** Fonteyn, **22** Nurse.
Down: **1** Look Back In, **2** Anger, **3** Bell, **4** Borneo, **5** Dead Cert, **6** Kamathi, **11** Hargreaves, **13** Erlangen, **14** Englund, **16** Orsini, **17** Barry, **20** Lane.

SAMURAI SUDOKU

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SMALL CROSSWORD

Across: **2** Cambodia, **9** Arbour, **10** Club, **11** Slot, **13** Tribe, **14** Fisherman, **16** Inter, **19** Siam, **20** Anti, **21** Gung-ho, **22** Sheepdog.
Down: **1** Pacifists, **3** Abuts, **4** Mobs, **5** Buttercup, **6** Deli, **7** Isobar, **8** Attention, **12** Finish, **15** Mango, **17** Tale, **18** Rand.

ARROW-WORD

Arrow-words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Solution tomorrow

- Fail to hit / _ Kidman, actress
- Pith helmet
- Clergy member
- Supportive under-garment
- _ Rippon, pictured / Target
- Largest of the Channel Islands
- Scope
- Help
- Snow runner
- Daniel _, James Bond actor
- At sixes and _, in a state of confusion
- Amid
- Untidy state
- Code word for the letter U
- Born as
- Enemy
- Rowing blade
- Sheltered side / Church part
- Nation's warships
- Celebrity, in short
- TV series, The _ Ranger
- Bleat
- Egg cells
- Catch sight of
- Revenue (abbr.) / Prima donna
- TV series, Father _
- Mend with stitches
- Theatrical make-up
- Blood feud / Regret
- Building for housing aircraft
- Highest part
- Belligerent / Hinged barrier
- Go wrong
- Energy
- Annoy
- Male duck
- Lair / Talk incessantly
- Small round vegetable
- Commonplace
- Born In The _, song (abbr.)
- Towards the stern of a ship
- Wheel spindle
- _ boxing or _ curry
- Excellent, informally
- Def _, rock band
- Atmosphere
- Guns that are light and easy to carry (5,4)
- European country
- Duelling sword
- TV series, Mock The _
- Sail support / Works hard
- _ Tong, British DJ
- _ for, in serious trouble
- Tenant's payment
- Long posh car
- Drink delicately
- Command
- _ Campbell, pictured
- Lyric poem
- Eyelid swelling
- Spoil
- Cloth made from flax
- State capital of Iowa, _ Moines
- Ear, nose, and throat (abbr.)

WORDSEARCH

S	I	R	A	P	V	M	L	O	H	K	C	O	T	S
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EUROPEAN CAPITALS

Find all the terms listed below in the grid.

Solution tomorrow

AMSTERDAM ● BERLIN ● BRUSSELS
BUCHAREST ● BUDAPEST ● COPENHAGEN
DUBLIN ● HELSINKI ● KYIV ● LISBON
LONDON ● MADRID ● MOSCOW ● OSLO
PARIS ● PRAGUE ● ROME ● STOCKHOLM
VIENNA ● WARSAW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Particular, **7** Expel, **8** Valiant, **10** Delegate, **11** Eden, **13** Terror, **15** Stanza, **17** Oust, **18** Well-to-do, **21** Galilee, **22** Adorn, **23** Protracted.
Down: 1 Pupil, **2** Religion, **3** Invite, **4** Ugly, **5** Abandon, **6** Headstrong, **9** Tantamount, **12** Stalwart, **14** Rustler, **16** Geneva, **19** Ovoid, **20** Glut.

WORDSEARCH

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ARROW-WORD

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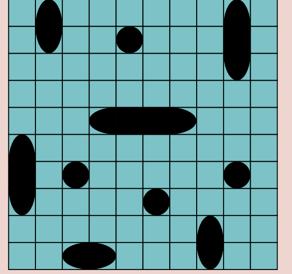
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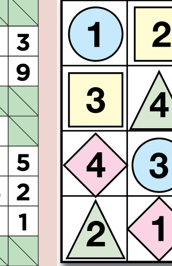
BATTLESHIPS



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KEIJO



TARGET

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THE ALPHAPUZZLE

Across: Damages, Orbit, Tango, Dictate, Clemency, Burp, Squirt, Lizard, Fake, Tortuous, Lampoon, Excel, Hotly, Destroy.
Down: Detects, Filth, Manse, Unkempt, Geometry, Pony (clue), Seduce, Joined, Ouch, Distress, Bravura, Occur, Twerp, Display.

THE ALPHABEATER

Black squares: 3, 7, 11, 15, 17, 19, 20, 24, 27, 28, 32, 33, 35, 39.
Across: Search, Engine, Usurps, Version, Ovals, Axles, Thump, Pyramid, Anorak, Envoys, Pizzas.
Down: Equinox, Pawed, Swum, Aggrieve, Psalms, Risk, Asp, Valid, Hex, Jazz, Frosty, Jiujitsu, Orbs, Begin, Spooked.

CROSS DOUBT

Across: CRACK
Down: BREAK

SUMMIT UP

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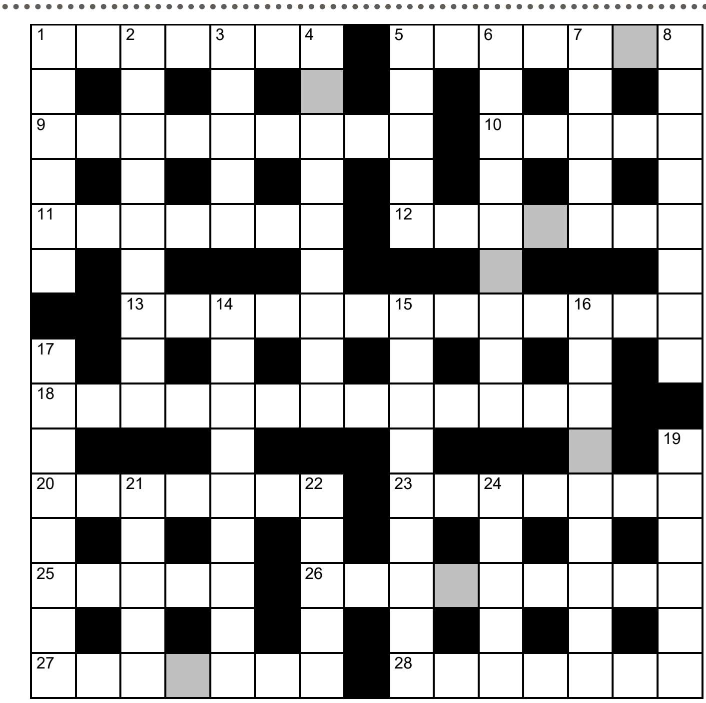
Bee, Beer, Grebe, Bargee, Eager, Gear, Age

Puzzles

CRUSADER PRIZE CROSSWORD

ACROSS
- **1** Finds a closet has been ordered (7)
- **5** Cope with resources first, being executive (7)
- **9** Sculpting giant head shows acidic quality (9)
- **10** Critic's first word about a lot of people (5)
- **11** Well-paid woman having fun working (7)
- **12** Triumph by the French in small groups (7)
- **13** Sensitive grasp (13)
- **18** Fastening a piece of wildlife film (9,4)
- **20** Explode or blast remand centre (7)
- **23** One snide eccentric republican – he's well-placed (7)
- **25** Leaving a trainee something to eat (5)
- **26** Bound together? Slice knot in pieces (5-4)
- **27** Attired with a vinaigrette, say (7)
- **28** Draw points for a team (7)

DOWN
- **1** Liberal gets terribly old – time to leave (4,2)
- **2** Lunatic on treatment without interruption (9)
- **3** Criminal article about current fellow (5)
- **4** Be suspicious and sense a traitor (5,1,3)
- **5** Art form making total return, in charge (5)
- **6** New month, with lunar disruption in the dark (9)
- **7** Phantom hog distressed university student (5)
- **8** Engineers signed off plan again (8)
- **14** Heart medicine is not analogue, for a start (9)
- **15** Riot developed, contained by man in region (9)
- **16** That is surrounding politician with routine resistance (9)
- **17** Wicked family causes ill will (3,5)
- **19** A champagne with American conspirator (6)
- **21** Search for a weapon (5)
- **22** Large turn by detectives – that's clear (5)
- **24** Harsh at the back (5)



WIN £100 CASH

FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
Read down the letters in the highlighted squares to reveal the mystery word.

TO ENTER: Call **0904 161 3700** (calls cost £1.50 plus your telephone company's network access charge) and leave your answer and details, or text **DXCRUS** followed by a space, your answer, name and address details to **88833** (texts cost £1.50 plus your standard network rate). Lines close at midnight Saturday. Or send your grid containing the answer in the shaded squares by posting it to: Crusader Crossword, June 19, PO Box 8694, Derby DE1 9TW. Entries must be postmarked by June 20 at the latest. For any postal enquiries, call helpline number. SP: Spoke – 0333 202 3390. An extra day is given for postal entries during bank holidays.

● *One weekly winner will be the first random correct entry drawn from all entry routes after the closing date of midnight Saturday. Competition runs Sunday to Saturday. The Editor's decision is final.*

NEED HELP? Call **0904 161 1609** for 5 extra clues! Calls cost £1.50 plus your telephone company's network access charge.

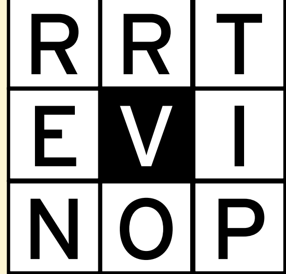
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MONDAY'S SOLUTION
ACROSS: 1 Dear me, 4 Chip shop, 10 Whimper, 11 Phonier, 12 Trade, 13 Fatheaded, 14 Maltese cross, 18 Crash and burn, 23 Catch fire, 24 Larch, 25 On a roll, 26 Undress, 27 Land mass, 28 United. **DOWN:** 1 Downtime, 2 Amicable, 3 Maple, 5 Hipster, 6 Processed, 7 Hairdo, 8 Parade, 9 Trifle, 15 Earthworm, 16 Nutrient, 17 Enthused, 19 Shields, 20 Avenue, 21 Scroll, 22 Strain, 24 Laden. **Prizeword:** Roadside

TARGET



● *The Target uses words in the main body of Chambers 21st Century Dictionary (1999 edition)*

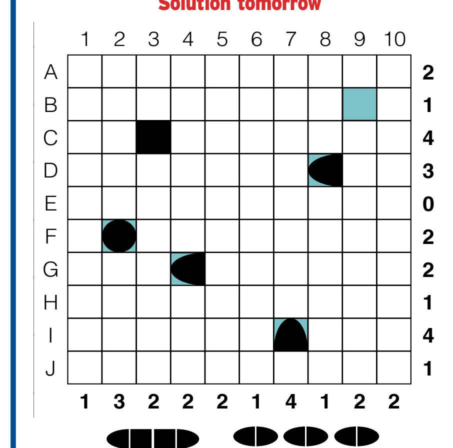
HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals. Verb forms ending in S permitted.

TODAY'S TARGET
Good 13; **very good** 20; **excellent** 26 **(or more). Solution tomorrow**

Call **0907 181 2585** for today's Target solution
**Calls cost 80p per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.*

BATTLESHIPS

FIND where the fleet of ships shown is hidden in the grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.
Solution tomorrow



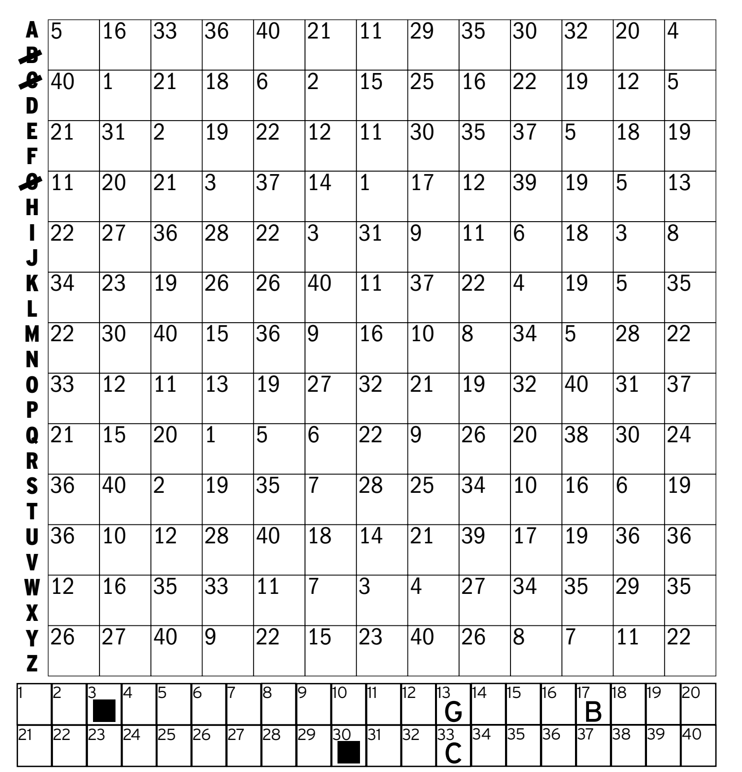
THE ALPHABEATER

TARGET TIME: 34 minutes

CAN you crack the Alphabeater? Each grid number represents a letter – or black square. As in Alphapuzzle, every letter of the alphabet is used. But you have to complete the grid too! Use the given letters and black squares below the grid to start. The grid is 'rotationally symmetrical' – in other words, it looks the same if you turn the page upside down.
Solution tomorrow

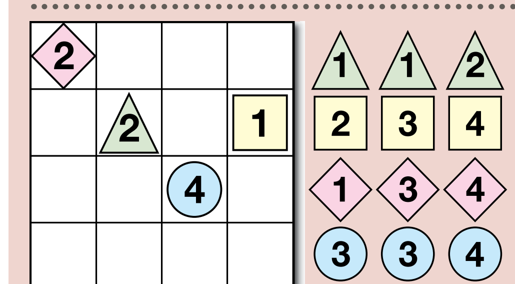
Extra letter clues
0907 181 2560
(Deduct three minutes for each extra clue letter heard)

Full solution
0907 181 2558
**Calls cost 80p per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.*



● Alternatively, for six Extra Letter clues to your mobile, text **DXBEAT** to **64343.** Texts cost £1 plus standard network rate.

KEIJO



Place the tiles into the grid so that four different numbers and four different shapes appear in each row and column.
Solution tomorrow

THE ALPHAPUZZLE®

Alphapuzzle® tests logic and word power. Each grid number stands for a letter. Every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters – below the main grid – to start. **Solution tomorrow.**

DIFFICULTY: 8/10; **TARGET:** 26 mins; **CLUE:** Very loud, it's up and rigid.

A B C D E F G H I J K ~~L~~ M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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STRIP OF A LIFETIME: Francisco Conceicao celebrates his last-gasp clincher and, right, gets a hug from captain Cristiano Ronaldo

PORTUGAL 2
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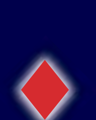
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Conceicao steps off bench to grab stoppage-time winner

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A GULA SHAKER IS ARD LUCK ON BRAVE GEORGIA



BY **RICHARD LEWIS**

HISTORY was made in a match for the ages at Dortmund's Westfalenstadion.

With a sensational goal to put Turkey 2-1 up – one of the best of the tournament so far – Arda Guler, the 'Turkish Messi', broke Cristiano Ronaldo's record by becoming the youngest player ever to score on his European Championship debut.

At 19 years and 114 days old, the Real Madrid star (above) curled home from 25 yards into the top corner (top picture).

Ronaldo had held the record with his stoppage-time goal as hosts Portugal's lost 2-1 to eventual winners Greece in 2004. He was 14 days older then than Guler last night, but he has now been overtaken by another of the young stars of these Euros.

Less than a month ago, Guler became a Champions League winner with Real Madrid as a substitute in the final, and now he delivered something truly spectacular.

But he played down his record-breaking moment.

"I don't care about personal achievements," said Guler. "I'm all about the team and I'm delighted to pay my part."

Stunning strikes, drama until the final kick and 37 attempts on goal. What a match it was. As Turkey coach Vincenzo Montella said: "It was a match worthy of the finals. I'm turning 52 today so this was the best present I could have received."

Turkey triumphed against opponents making their debut at an international tournament but Georgia were so close to snatching a draw.

In a sensational finale, Turkey's Samet Akaydin made an amazing block to keep out a chance from Budu Zivzivadze. From the resulting corner, with Georgia's goalkeeper Giorgi Mamardashvili in the opposition box, Turkey won possession and Kerem Akturkoglu broke clear from inside his own half.

He ran until 25 yards out from the empty Georgia goal before slotting the ball home to spark delirous celebrations.

Turkey took the lead after 25 minutes as Mert Muldur crashed home a superb volley. Nine minutes later Georgia were level.

Georges Mikautadze's scored Georgia's first goal in a tournament with a quick-fire strike at the near post.

Guler struck in the 65th minute for 2-1 before the dramatic finale.



TURKEY		GEORGIA
53%	POSSESSION	47%
8	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
7	SHOTS OFF TARGET	6
5	CORNERS	5
2	OFFSIDE	1
10	FOULS	7
0 red, 2 yellow	CARDS	1 yellow, 0 red

Referee: Facundo Tello (Argentina)

FRANTASY FINISH

Sub Francisco Conceicao grabs a dramatic late winner for Portugal to sink Czechs

0-1

1-1

SUBLIME FINISH

Conceicao comes on for just three minutes to steal victory





BY **SIMON MULLOCK**

IT IS tough to drop a player with 130 international goals and five Ballon d'Or trophies – even if he is just seven months shy of his 40th birthday.

But Roberto Martinez must now decide whether his threat to Cristiano Ronaldo was real or just a soundbite for the cameras.

Substitute Francisco Conceicao's emphatic close-range finish three minutes from time gave Portugal a win that their superiority deserved.

But, after insisting on the eve of the game that Ronaldo does not get into his team on reputation alone, Martinez might find his No.7 continues to be the main topic of conversation.

If a couple of journeymen Czech defenders can put the squeeze on your star forward, then it surely can't be long until his time is up.

Five years ago, Ronaldo would have left Leipzig with the match ball and the headlines.

In 2024, he was relieved that Robin Hranac's unfortunate 69th-minute own goal wiped out Lukas Provod's spectacular opener before Conceicao came on to win the game late on.

The stadium announcer informed the 40,000 crowd that it was Ronaldo's goal after the otherwise outstanding Czech keeper Jindrich Stanek had palmed the ball against the legs of Hranac and seen it roll back into his goal.

Even Portugal's No.7 looked embarrassed by the call.

Seven minutes earlier, Ivan Hasek's underdogs struck with a bolt from the blue when Provod fired a glorious effort from 25 yards that curled away from Portugal keeper Diogo Costa and flew in off the post.

Martinez never got the best out of Belgium's generation. Little wonder he celebrated the equaliser with a furious wave of his fist. Portugal thought they had won it four minutes from time when Diogo Jota bundled the ball home from close-range (above) after Ronaldo's header had hit the post, but VAR spotted that the No.7 had strayed offside.

But Hasek's men could not keep the Portuguese at bay much longer.

The first chance Ronaldo had to add to his international haul saw him power those neck muscles into Rafael Leao's early cross, but the ball bounced off his shoulder and bounced wide.

He was twice denied by Stanek, the Czech keeper keeping his nerve to stand up before diverting Ronaldo's effort away with an outstretched arm before beating away another shot just before the break.

Bruno Fernandes was Portugal's most creative force.

The Manchester United captain saw one long-ranger dip just too late after taking a deflection before serving up a cross for Leao that the winger just failed to reach as he slid in at the far post.

The Czechs are inexperienced in more ways than one.

Hasek has the youngest squad at the tournament.

And, although he has West Ham pair Tomas Soucek and Vladimir Coufal as well as Bayer Leverkusen's Bundesliga winner Patrik Schick, the rest of his starting team ply their trade with Slavia Prague and Viktoria Plzen.

But they fought for every ball.

When Ruben Dias whipped a cross in just after the break, it appeared that Ronaldo must score until Hranac threw his head at the ball to deny him once again.

When Provod struck, another shock looked on the cards – until fortune turned the game Portugal's way in time added on.

PORTUGAL: Diogo Costa 6; Ruben Dias 6, Pepe 6, Nuno Mendes 6; Dalot 6, Bernardo Silva 6, Bruno Fernandes 7, Vitinha 8, Rafael Leao 7, Joao Cancelo 6; Ronaldo 6. **Subs**: Goncalo Inacio 5 (Dalot 63), Jota 6 (Leao 63), Conceicao 7 (Vitinha 90), Semedo 5 (Cancelo 90), Neto 5 (Mendes 90)

CZECH REPUBLIC: Stanek 7; Hranac 7, Krejci 7, Holes 7; Soucek 6; Coufal 6, Provod 7, Sulc 6, Doudera 5; Schick 5, Kuchta 5. **Subs**: Chytil 5 (Schick 57), Lingr 5 (Kuchta 60), Barak 5 (Provod 79), Sevcik 5 (Sulc 79), Chory 5 (Holes 93)

PORTUGAL		CZECH REP
70%	POSSESSION	30%
7	SHOTS ON TARGET	1
5	SHOTS OFF TARGET	1
13	CORNERS	0
0	OFFSIDE	0
6	FOULS	6
0 red, 2 yellow	CARDS	1 yellow, 0 red

Referee: Marco Guida (Italy)

GROUP F TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Portugal	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Czech rep	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Georgia	1	0	0	1	1	3	0



SHARED GOALS
Musiala and Bellingham, right, both scored in their countries' opening games of the Euros

GERMANY: Neuer; Kimmich, Rudiger, Tah, Mittelstadt; Andrich, Kroos; Musiala, Gundogan, Wirtz; Havertz.
HUNGARY: Gulacsi; Lang, Orban, Szalai; Bolla, A. Nagy, Schafer, Kerkez; Sallai, Szoboszlai, Varga.
REF: D Makkelie (NED)
TV: BBC

JAM AND CREAM

Young midfield maestros 'ready to rule world'

GERMANY v HUNGARY
GROUP A: Stuttgart Arena
TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

BY **RYAN TAYLOR**

JUDE BELLINGHAM and Jamal Musiala have the tools to dominate world football.

That is the view of Germany coach Julian Nagelsmann after the two young attacking midfield stars both got off the mark in their countries' opening games at Euro 2024.

Nagelsmann said: "Jude and Jamal are two great players but also two very different ones.

"Jude is more box-to-box, he works with his body while Jamal is more about dribbling ability.

"Both score goals, both are super talented and are going to have amazing futures.

"I've known Jamal for a long time, but I've also heard so many good things about Jude from those that know him and have worked with him.

"They will develop together in the next few years and perhaps they can have a big duel for years to come.When they push each other it's good for us, it's good for everyone – the sport, the national team, their clubs."

Germany can book their place in the knockout stages with victory over Hungary tonight, while their opponents could be on the brink of elimination if they fail to avenge their 3-1 defeat by Switzerland in Cologne.

Nagelsmann, right, has warned his side they cannot afford to give away soft free-kicks, with the dead-ball quality of Dominik Szoboszlai, of Liverpool, a major threat.

The Germany coach said: "With free-kicks Hungary are very dangerous. In European qualifiers they were the second best team from scoring from free-kicks.

"That's why we shouldn't give away fouls or free-kicks. I don't want to go into too much detail about their weaknesses. I have also briefed my players on the threat of Hungary's strikers and I want them to put it into action on the field."

Germany have a fully fit squad following their 5-1 demolition of Scotland in Munich after Ilkay Gundogan escaped injury from Ryan Porteous' horror lunge at the Allianz Arena.

Nagelsmann took the chance to explain why he named the oldest Germany squad since 2000 for this Euros.

He said: "It's important to have a mix of experienced and young, talented players. The atmosphere in our camp is excellent.

"The connections between the older and younger players are also good. We need more young players for the future, but not yet at this tournament."

Niclas Fullkrug and Emre Can are both pushing for starts after scoring from off the bench against Scotland, but Nagelsmann is expected to name an unchanged German team.

ORBAN RELISHING ANOTHER BIG OCCASION

BY **RYAN TAYLOR**

HUNGARY defender Willi Orban has warned Germany his side find it "easier against big nations".

The RB Leipzig captain, right, was part of the Hungary team that demolished England 4-0 at Molineux in June 2022 and now they are targeting another major upset against the hosts.

Obran said: "It's easier to play against big nations. We often get surprises and we do particularly well against the Germans.

"Now, thanks to recent results, we can proudly enter the field. If we do our best, we have a good chance of advancing."

The 31-year-old knows the majority of the German squad from the Bundesliga and he is an admirer of their attacking quality.

He added: "German virtues are back. The squad are made up of the right players with the right hierarchy, so you can count on a strong German team here."

WE'LL COME STORMING BACK



IT'S TIME TO SHINE Clarke, left, sheltering fans, inset, and, below, McGregor and Robertson in 5-1 rout

SCOTLAND: Gunn; Forrest, McKenna, Hanley, Tierney, Robertson; Gilmour, McGregor, McTominay, McGinn; Shankland
SWITZERLAND: Sommer; Schar, Akanji, Rodriguez; Widmer, Xhaka, Freuler, Aebischer; Vargas, Duah, Ndoye
REF: I Kruzliak (SVK)
TV: BBC

Clarke's demand to lift cloud over Scots

SCOTLAND v SWITZERLAND
GROUP A: Cologne Stadium
TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

FROM **KEITH JACKSON** in Cologne

SCOTLAND manager Steve Clarke arrived here in storm battered Cologne last night – and immediately warned his players they could sink their Euro 2024 dream by playing for a draw against the Swiss.

Clarke kept his messaging brief at the official pre-match press conference by admitting his team "must do better" as thunder and lightning ripped through Rhineland ahead of the game which could either send them home early or set up a qualification decider against Hungary on Sunday.

A point would be enough to keep the Scots alive heading into that final Group A game in Stuttgart.

But the manager insists there will be no confusion over the target he has set.

Clarke said: "To go into the game thinking we only need a point is dangerous. So we'll go there to win it and to be as positive as we can. Then we'll see where that takes us.

"But it's more about making sure we perform as well as we can play. If we can do that we'll be pretty confident that we can get something from the game."

Clarke was keen to keep it brief in front of the cameras and to avoid making promises which cannot be kept.

But repeatedly, he demanded a massive uplift in performance after that opening night 5-1 thrashing against Germany in Munich.

He said: "The Swiss are a difficult opponent so I expect a difficult game. But for us, we need to regroup and go again.

"It's about doing better. I don't want to put any labels on it. It's about doing better and working better into the game. We thought we were well prepared for Germany and we weren't.

"So this time we don't want to say too much and hopefully our actions on the pitch will show that we have prepared well. And a positive result would be lovely."

Asked if his players are itching for the opportunity to get back into tournament action he said: "They want to go back out on the pitch and play better.

"That's pretty standard when you have played so poorly and you've let yourself down. You want to go out and make amends for it and that's where their mentality is.

"It's always important for players to keep their emotions in check and understand what we need to get from the game. To understand how we approach the game.

"We didn't start well at all against Germany. After seven minutes we were chasing the game and after 20 minutes it was looking like a long night. So we need to make sure that we start well and do better. Make sure we get a good foothold in the game right from the start."

Clarke admits he cannot be certain what to expect from Switzerland manager Murat Yakin whose side opened up with a 3-1 win over Hungary.

He said: "He tweaked the system on Saturday and the way he used certain players within that system. Whether they used that specifically for the Hungarians or whether they have something up their sleeve for us, we won't know until we get on the pitch.

"We have to be prepared for anything and be as well prepared as we can be. We think we are."

AKANJI WARNS OF TRIPLE THREAT TO SWISS

By **CHARLIE GORDON**

MANUEL AKANJI expects a dramatic improvement from Scotland's Premier League contingent against Switzerland tonight.

The Scots will have a point to prove after Germany hammered them 5-1. Swiss defender Akanji, right, said: "They lost the first game and didn't show their best performance. We have to be ready from the start because they can play a lot better."



The 28-year-old is familiar with several Scottish players due to spending the past two years at Manchester City. Three in particular stick out to him as potential threats to Switzerland, who beat Hungary 3-1 in their opener.

"John McGinn had a great season, so did Scott McTominay. He scored a lot of goals," said Akanji.

"McGinn has a great impact in attack but also works hard against the ball. Andy Robertson has been at Liverpool for a long time and he is dangerous coming down the wing."

ALBANIAN EYES ON SYLV LINING

CROATIA v ALBANIA
GROUP B: Volksparkstadion, Hamburg
TODAY, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)

BY **CHARLIE GORDON**

SYLVINHO is relishing the role of playing the plucky underdog with Albania.

The former Arsenal and Manchester City full-back, who has been in charge of the Eagles since January, is in the 'group of death' in his first major tournament as a manager.

And there is no let up for his side after Saturday's defeat to Italy, as Albania face Croatia today before a date with Spain to round off Group B.

"This is a very tough group, definitely," he said. "But I believe it can be a true joy for us, being here.

"We're playing against the best teams and we can learn from them.

"It's a joy facing players from Manchester City, Real Madrid, Inter Milan. That's a great thing. It's a beautiful tournament and we have a lot to learn, but we're there.

"Against Italy we respected the other side, but we were there until the very end and almost got a draw. Perhaps tomorrow we might win, who knows?"

Albania and Croatia will both be desperate for all three points after losing their opening group-stage matches.

Sylvinho's side were beaten 2-1 in Dortmund, despite scoring the fastest goal in Euros history with Nedim Bajrami's 23-second strike. Croatia, meanwhile, were hammered 3-0 by Spain in Berlin.

But Sylvinho (above) is not reading too much into that scoreline, and the Albania boss insists Croatia's formidable midfield trio still gives him cause for concern.

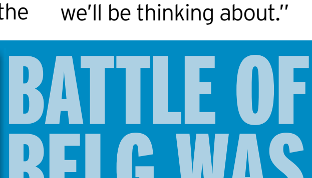
He said: "(Marcelo) Brozovic, (Luka) Modric, (Mateo) Kovacic – they're very strong. I know them, they're very skilled and they've had great careers.

"Midfield is definitely an area of the pitch where they have top-quality players.

"They're very good at passing and we must prepare well for that challenge.

"It's definitely something we'll be thinking about."

CROATIA: Livakovic, Stanisic, Sutalo, Gvardiol, Sosa, Modric, Brozovic, Kovacic, Majer, Budimir, Kramaric.
ALBANIA: Strakosha, Hysaj, Ajeti, Djimsiti, Mitaj, Ramadani, Bajrami, Asllani, Asani, Broja, Seferi.
REF: Francois Letexier (France).



BATTLE OF BELG WAS TEAM WIN

BY **CHARLIE GORDON**

MARTIN DUBRAVKA believes Slovakia beat a team of individuals in their surprise win over Belgium on Monday.

The Newcastle stopper (above) withstood a Belgian barrage en route to a 1-0 win in Group E.

And it came as no shock to Dubravka that team spirit won the day.

He said: "It is a big surprise probably for so many people in the world, but I said before the game that team spirit will always beat individuals. We have a better team. They have great individuals."

Belgium were widely expected to cast aside Monday's opponents, who are 45 places below them in the world rankings. But Ivan Schranz's early strike proved decisive. And two Romelu Lukaku goals were disallowed in the second half to compound Belgium's misery.

With three points on the board and their toughest group game out of the way, Slovakia are revved up heading into clashes with Ukraine and Romania.

"This is just the start," added Dubravka. "It shows that the group is very tight. Anyone can beat anyone. We just try to do our best, get some points and hopefully get through.

"We are the outsiders of the tournament. That's what everyone said, they put us in that situation. It's OK. If you want to put it in this way, fine. But we have confidence and this will give us even more."



PASS MASTER Johan Cruyff with his trickery in 1974 and (right) at World Cup

DUTCH OF CLASS

Turning back time to celebrate Cruyff's magic moment

EXCLUSIVE

BY **JOHN CROSS**

FIFTY years later, the name lives on through one of football's most inspirational pieces of genius.

Dortmund is one of the hosts of Euro 2024 and it was there, on June 19, 1974, in the 24th minute of Holland's World Cup group match with Sweden, that the 'Cruyff turn' was born.

Dutch legend Johan Cruyff produced an instinctive piece of skill to glide past Swedish defender Jan Olsson.

Cruyff feigned a pass before dragging the ball behind his standing leg, turning 180 degrees and then accelerating away.

There have been players who claimed to have done it before and many who have used it since.

Pele in 1960. Or Hal Robson-Kanu's amazing goal for Wales at Euro 2016.

But it is forever known as the Cruyff turn because no one has done it quite like the Dutch master. It lives on through the modern game and a whole new generation know it through video games who do nothing else but call it the Cruyff turn.

It is why his son, Jordi, takes so much pride in his father's legacy.

It also helps the Cruyff Foundation live on and thrive because his name is so powerful that his family can champion projects and sport for children regardless of their race, religion, background or ability.

Jordi, 50, the former Manchester United and Barcelona winger (pictured above with his father), said: "I think it's amazing that any player is remembered by a specific action.

"And the fact that he has the Cruyff turn and most people in football – all the pros, but most people in football – know what it means, it is something to be proud of.

"Even my father, I'm sure, was proud because it was a special move and when they call a move by your name, then that's probably the best legacy you can have. It's amazing, I don't think there's many players who can say this. It gives him a legendary status.

"My father was not a big supporter of video games and all those kind of things but even the young kids now know the meaning of the Cruyff turn and they can show you. I think that's amazing. His name lives on in that aspect.

"The fact there is two stadiums with his name – the big Ajax stadium, of course, but also the Barcelona one, which is their second stadium – but also the statues. I don't think there's many footballers who can say they have two stadiums and two statues named after them.

"People like Pep Guardiola always mention my father when they win, even though all the credit should go to Guardiola himself. He always has kind words.

"My father was humble. He did not always keep prizes. He won three Golden Balls and it took us three years to find them! If I won a Golden Ball, then I would sleep every night beside it.

"It took years to find out where he left them and he left them in different places. That was also my father, because he did not really care about these things.

"There's not one day that I don't get someone coming up to me, even in the street, feeling the need to say what my father meant to them.

"As his son, I can only say that he is one of those immortal people in sport because 99 per cent of us come, then we go, but his image and his legacy remains."



ANYTHING YOU KANU...

MOST FAMOUS 'CRUYFF TURN' AT THE EUROS

HAL ROBSON-KANU went one better than Johann Cruyff – by recreating the Dutch legend's magic move, then scoring!

The Wales star (left) entered the 'Hal of Fame' with an audacious piece of skill in the 55th minute of the quarter-final with Belgium in Lille at the Euros in 2016.

With the score at 1-1, Robson-Kanu dragged the ball back to deceive Marouane Fellaini and Thomas Meunier, allowing him room to score. The Dragons went on to triumph 3-1.

UEFA EURO 2024 RESULTS

GROUP A
GERMANY, HUNGARY, SCOTLAND, SWITZERLAND

GERMANY 5 – Wirtz 20, Musiala 19, Havertz 45+1 pen, Fulljrug 68, Can 90+3
SCOTLAND 1 – Rudiger 87 og

HUNGARY 1 – Varga 66
SWITZERLAND 3 – Duah 12, Aebischer 45, Embolo 90+3

GERMANY v HUNGARY
Stuttgart Arena
TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

SCOTLAND v SWITZERLAND
Cologne Stadium
TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

SWITZERLAND v GERMANY
Frankfurt Arena
SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

SCOTLAND v HUNGARY
Stuttgart Arena
SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GROUP B
SPAIN, ITALY, CROATIA, ALBANIA

SPAIN 3 – Morata 29, Ruiz 32, Carvajal 45+2
CROATIA 0

ITALY 2 – Bastoni 11, Barella 16
ALBANIA 1 – Bajrami 1

CROATIA v ALBANIA
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
TODAY, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)

SPAIN v ITALY
Arena AufSchalke
TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

CROATIA v ITALY
Leipzig Stadium
MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

ALBANIA v SPAIN
Düsseldorf Arena
MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GROUP C
SLOVENIA, DENMARK, SERBIA, ENGLAND

SLOVENIA 1 – Janza 77
DENMARK 1 – Eriksen 17

SERBIA 0
ENGLAND 1 – Bellingham 13

SLOVENIA v SERBIA
Munich Football Arena
TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)

DENMARK v ENGLAND
Frankfurt Arena
TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

ENGLAND v SLOVENIA
Cologne Stadium
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

DENMARK v SERBIA
Munich Football Arena
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

GROUP D
POLAND, AUSTRIA, HOLLAND, FRANCE

POLAND 1 – Buksa 16
HOLLAND 2 – Gakpo 29, Weghorst 83

AUSTRIA 0
FRANCE 1 – Wober 38 og

POLAND v AUSTRIA
Olympiastadion Berlin
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

HOLLAND v FRANCE
Leipzig Stadium
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

HOLLAND v AUSTRIA
Olympiastadion Berlin
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

FRANCE v POLAND
BVB Stadion Dortmund
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

GROUP E
BELGIUM, ROMANIA, SLOVAKIA, UKRAINE

ROMANIA 3 – Stanciu 29, Marin 53, Dragus 57
UKRAINE 0

BELGIUM 0
SLOVAKIA 1 – Schranz 7

SLOVAKIA v UKRAINE
Düsseldorf Arena
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

BELGIUM v ROMANIA
Cologne Stadium
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

SLOVAKIA v ROMANIA
Frankfurt Arena
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

UKRAINE v BELGIUM
Stuttgart Arena
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

GROUP F
TURKEY, PORTUGAL, GEORGIA, CZECH REP

TURKEY 3 – Muldur 25, Guler 65, Akturkoglu 90+7
GEORGIA 1 – Mikautadze 32

PORTUGAL 2 – Hranac 69 og, Conceicao 90+2
CZECH REP 1 – Provod 62

GEORGIA v CZECH REP
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

TURKEY v PORTUGAL
BVB Stadion Dortmund
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

CZECH REP v TURKEY
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

GEORGIA v PORTUGAL
Arena AufSchalke
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

GROUP A TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Hungary	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Scotland	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

GROUP B TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Italy	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Albania	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Croatia	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP C TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Denmark	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Slovenia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP D TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
France	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Poland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Austria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP E TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Slovakia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Belgium	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ukraine	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP F TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Portugal	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Czech rep	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Georgia	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

ROUND OF 16

GAME 37: 1A V 2C
BVB Stadion Dortmund SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)

GAME 38: 2A V 2B
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 5PM (Berlin)

GAME 39: 1B V 3A/D/E/F
Cologne Stadium SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 8PM (Cologne)

GAME 40: 1C V 3D/E/F
Arena AufSchalke SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 5PM (Gelsenkirchen)

GAME 41: 1F V 3A/B/C
Frankfurt Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 8PM (Frankfurt)

GAME 42: 2D V 2E
Düsseldorf Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 5PM (Dusseldorf)

GAME 43: 1E V 3A/B/C/D
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 5PM (Munich)

GAME 44: 1D V 2F
Leipzig Stadium TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 8PM (Leipzig)

QUARTER-FINALS

GAME 45: W39 V W37
Stuttgart Arena FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 5PM (Stuttgart)

GAME 46: W41 V W42
Volksparkstadion Hamburg FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 8PM (Hamburg)

GAME 47: W43 V W44
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)

GAME 48: W40 V W38
Düsseldorf Arena SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 5PM (Düsseldorf)

SEMI-FINALS

GAME 49: W45 V W46
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 9, KICK-OFF 8PM (Munich)

GAME 50: W47 V W48
BVB Stadion Dortmund WEDNESDAY JULY 10, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)

FINAL

GAME 51: WINNER 49 V WINNER 50
Olympiastadion Berlin SUNDAY JULY 14, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)



EURO REWIND

'THAT WAS SUPER, MARIO'

BLUE HEAVEN Balotelli celebrates after giving Italy a 1-0 lead in Warsaw

Balotelli's brilliant double sank Germany and sent Italy into the final

GERMANY 1 ITALY 2
Euro 2012 semi-final: National Stadium, Warsaw, Thursday, June 28

OCCASIONALLY, a player comes along in football who is impossible to fathom.

From Eric Cantona to Zlatan Ibrahimovic, they carry many of the same characteristics – brooding and outspoken.

Mario Balotelli arrived in the Premier League as a young man showing those traits but also one other thing that Cantona and Ibrahimovic possessed. He exhibited flashes of a magic touch with a ball.

He signed for Manchester City in 2010 on his 20th birthday, and so began a journey of exquisite passes and goals, mixed with red cards (four in two and a half seasons) on the field, and mayhem off it.

Life in England included an infamous incident letting off fireworks inside his bathroom to start a fire in his house plus regular battles to put on his bib in training to the amusement of photographers.

But Germany found out to their cost never to underestimate the striker once his fuse is lit. For all his antics, the Italian striker undoubtedly had an eye for goal and six weeks after his pass set up Sergio Aguero for the most famous goal in Manchester City's history, he was centre stage for his country.

He underlined his ability at the age of 21 as the Azzurri's No.9 with a superb double to fire Italy into the final.

Balotelli put Italy on their way when he headed Antonio Cassano's cross past Manuel Neuer then added a thunderous right-foot effort from the edge of the box just before half-time. Off came the shirt in a defiant celebration directed at his critics who had dared to question him.

Mesut Ozil's stoppage-time penalty later provided brief anxiety for Italy but their victory was confirmed moments later as Balotelli embraced his adopted mum Silvia in the front row and he described the game as the "greatest night of my life".

"At the end of the game I went to my mother – that was the best moment," he said. "I told her these goals were for her.

"I waited a long time for this moment, especially as my mother is not young any more and can't travel far, so I had to make her happy when she came all the way here."

Balotelli's fairy-tale ended when Cesare Prandelli's Italy were subsequently trounced 4-0 in the final by Spain in Kiev.

He still knocks in the occasional goal for Adana Demirspor in Turkey while his nation is threatening perhaps another run to the Euros final with a good-looking squad this summer. But in the modern football world of tactical chess games, oh for a flash of individual brilliance just once more from Mario 'Why Always Me' Balotelli.



TASTE OF SUCCESS: Manchester City's Erling Haaland gets his hands on the trophy last season





2024-25 PREMIER

EVERY GAME OF NEW

ARSENAL

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	17	Wolves	H
	24	Aston Villa	A
	31	Brighton	H
Sep	14	Tottenham	A
	21	Man City	A
	28	Leicester	H
Oct	05	Southampton	H
	19	Bournemouth	A
	26	Liverpool	H
Nov	02	Newcastle	A
	09	Chelsea	A
	23	Nottm Forest	H
	30	West Ham	A
Dec	03	Man Utd	H
	07	Fulham	A
	14	Everton	H
	21	C Palace	A
	26	Ipswich	H
	29	Brentford	A
Jan	04	Brighton	A
	14	Tottenham	H
	18	Aston Villa	H
	25	Wolves	A
Feb	01	Man City	H
	15	Leicester	A
	22	West Ham	H
	25	Nottm Forest	A
Mar	08	Man Utd	A
	15	Chelsea	H
Apr	01	Fulham	H
	05	Everton	A
	12	Brentford	H
	19	Ipswich	A
	26	C Palace	H
May	03	Bournemouth	H
	10	Liverpool	A
	18	Newcastle	H
	25	Southampton	A

ASTON VILLA

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	17	West Ham	A
	24	Arsenal	H
	31	Leicester	A
Sep	14	Everton	H
	21	Wolves	H
	28	Ipswich	A
Oct	05	Man Utd	H
	19	Fulham	A
	26	Bournemouth	H
Nov	02	Tottenham	A
	09	Liverpool	A
	23	C Palace	H
	30	Chelsea	A
Dec	03	Brentford	H
	07	Southampton	H
	14	Nottm Forest	A
	21	Man City	H
	26	Newcastle	A
	29	Brighton	H
Jan	04	Leicester	H
	14	Everton	A
	18	Arsenal	A
	25	West Ham	H
Feb	01	Wolves	A
	15	Ipswich	H
	22	Chelsea	H
	25	C Palace	A
Mar	08	Brentford	A
	15	Liverpool	H
Apr	01	Brighton	A
	05	Nottm Forest	H
	12	Southampton	A
	19	Newcastle	H
	26	Man City	A
May	03	Fulham	H
	10	Bournemouth	A
	18	Tottenham	H
	25	Man Utd	A

BOURNEMOUTH

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	17	Nottm Forest	A
	24	Newcastle	H
	31	Everton	A
Sep	14	Chelsea	H
	21	Liverpool	A
	28	Southampton	H
Oct	05	Leicester	A
	19	Arsenal	H
	26	Aston Villa	A
Nov	02	Man City	H
	09	Brentford	A
	23	Brighton	H
	30	Wolves	A
Dec	03	Tottenham	H
	07	Ipswich	A
	14	West Ham	H
	21	Man Utd	A
	26	C Palace	H
	29	Fulham	A
Jan	04	Everton	H
	15	Chelsea	A
	18	Newcastle	A
	25	Nottm Forest	H
Feb	01	Liverpool	H
	15	Southampton	A
	22	Wolves	H
	25	Brighton	A
Mar	08	Tottenham	A
	15	Brentford	H
Apr	01	Ipswich	H
	05	West Ham	A
	12	Fulham	H
	19	C Palace	A
	26	Man Utd	H
May	03	Arsenal	A
	10	Aston Villa	H
	18	Man City	A
	25	Leicester	H

BRENTFORD

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	18	C Palace	H
	24	Liverpool	A
	31	Southampton	H
Sep	14	Man City	A
	21	Tottenham	A
	28	West Ham	H
Oct	05	Wolves	H
	19	Man Utd	A
	26	Ipswich	H
Nov	02	Fulham	A
	09	Bournemouth	H
	23	Everton	A
	30	Leicester	H
Dec	03	Aston Villa	A
	07	Newcastle	H
	14	Chelsea	A
	21	Nottm Forest	H
	26	Brighton	A
	29	Arsenal	H
Jan	04	Southampton	A
	14	Man City	H
	18	Liverpool	H
	25	C Palace	A
Feb	01	Tottenham	H
	15	West Ham	A
	22	Leicester	A
	25	Everton	H
Mar	08	Aston Villa	H
	15	Bournemouth	A
Apr	01	Newcastle	A
	05	Chelsea	H
	12	Arsenal	A
	19	Brighton	H
	26	Nottm Forest	A
May	03	Man Utd	H
	10	Ipswich	A
	18	Fulham	H
	25	Wolves	A

BRIGHTON

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	17	Everton	A
	24	Man Utd	H
	31	Arsenal	A
Sep	14	Ipswich	H
	21	Nottm Forest	H
	28	Chelsea	A
Oct	05	Tottenham	H
	19	Newcastle	A
	26	Wolves	H
Nov	02	Liverpool	A
	09	Man City	H
	23	Bournemouth	A
	30	Southampton	H
Dec	03	Fulham	A
	07	Leicester	A
	14	C Palace	H
	21	West Ham	A
	26	Brentford	H
	29	Aston Villa	A
Jan	04	Arsenal	H
	14	Ipswich	A
	18	Man Utd	A
	25	Everton	H
Feb	01	Nottm Forest	A
	15	Chelsea	H
	22	Southampton	A
	25	Bournemouth	H
Mar	08	Fulham	H
	15	Man City	A
Apr	01	Aston Villa	H
	05	C Palace	A
	12	Leicester	H
	19	Brentford	A
	26	West Ham	H
May	03	Newcastle	H
	10	Wolves	A
	18	Liverpool	H
	25	Tottenham	A

CHELSEA

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	18	Man City	H
	24	Wolves	A
	31	C Palace	H
Sep	14	Bournemouth	A
	21	West Ham	A
	28	Brighton	H
Oct	05	Nottm Forest	H
	19	Liverpool	A
	26	Newcastle	H
Nov	02	Man Utd	A
	09	Arsenal	H
	23	Leicester	A
	30	Aston Villa	H
Dec	04	Southampton	A
	07	Tottenham	A
	14	Brentford	H
	21	Everton	A
	26	Fulham	H
	29	Ipswich	A
Jan	04	C Palace	A
	15	Bournemouth	H
	18	Wolves	H
	25	Man City	A
Feb	01	West Ham	H
	15	Brighton	A
	22	Aston Villa	A
	26	Southampton	H
Mar	08	Leicester	H
	15	Arsenal	A
Apr	02	Tottenham	H
	05	Brentford	A
	12	Ipswich	H
	19	Fulham	A
	26	Everton	H
May	03	Liverpool	H
	10	Newcastle	A
	18	Man Utd	H
	25	Nottm Forest	A

CRYSTAL PALACE

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	18	Brentford	A
	24	West Ham	H
	31	Chelsea	A
Sep	14	Leicester	H
	21	Man Utd	H
	28	Everton	A
Oct	05	Liverpool	H
	19	Nottm Forest	A
	26	Tottenham	H
Nov	02	Wolves	A
	09	Fulham	H
	23	Aston Villa	A
	30	Newcastle	H
Dec	03	Ipswich	A
	07	Man City	H
	14	Brighton	A
	21	Arsenal	H
	26	Bournemouth	A
	29	Southampton	H
Jan	04	Chelsea	H
	14	Leicester	A
	18	West Ham	A
	25	Brentford	H
Feb	01	Man Utd	A
	15	Everton	H
	22	Fulham	A
	25	Aston Villa	H
Mar	08	Ipswich	H
	15	Newcastle	A
Apr	02	Southampton	A
	05	Brighton	H
	12	Man City	A
	19	Bournemouth	H
	26	Arsenal	A
May	03	Nottm Forest	H
	10	Tottenham	A
	18	Wolves	H
	25	Liverpool	A

EVERTON

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	17	Brighton	H
	24	Tottenham	A
	31	Bournemouth	H
Sep	14	Aston Villa	A
	21	Leicester	A
	28	C Palace	H
Oct	05	Newcastle	H
	19	Ipswich	A
	26	Fulham	H
Nov	02	Southampton	A
	09	West Ham	A
	23	Brentford	H
	30	Man Utd	A
Dec	03	Wolves	H
	07	Liverpool	H
	14	Arsenal	A
	21	Chelsea	H
	26	Man City	A
	29	Nottm Forest	H
Jan	04	Bournemouth	A
	14	Aston Villa	H
	18	Tottenham	H
	25	Brighton	A
Feb	01	Leicester	H
	15	C Palace	A
	22	Man Utd	H
	25	Brentford	A
Mar	08	Wolves	A
	15	West Ham	H
Apr	02	Liverpool	A
	05	Arsenal	H
	12	Nottm Forest	A
	19	Man City	H
	26	Chelsea	A
May	03	Ipswich	H
	10	Fulham	A
	18	Southampton	H
	25	Newcastle	A

FULHAM

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	16	Man Utd	A
	24	Leicester	H
	31	Ipswich	A
Sep	14	West Ham	H
	21	Newcastle	H
	28	Nottm Forest	A
Oct	05	Man City	A
	19	Aston Villa	H
	26	Everton	A
Nov	02	Brentford	H
	09	C Palace	A
	23	Wolves	H
	30	Tottenham	A
Dec	03	Brighton	H
	07	Arsenal	H
	14	Liverpool	A
	21	Southampton	H
	26	Chelsea	A
	29	Bournemouth	H
Jan	04	Ipswich	H
	14	West Ham	A
	18	Leicester	A
	25	Man Utd	H
Feb	01	Newcastle	A
	15	Nottm Forest	H
	22	C Palace	H
	25	Wolves	A
Mar	08	Brighton	A
	15	Tottenham	H
Apr	01	Arsenal	A
	05	Liverpool	H
	12	Bournemouth	A
	19	Chelsea	H
	26	Southampton	A
May	03	Aston Villa	A
	10	Everton	H
	18	Brentford	A
	25	Man City	H

IPSWICH

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	17	Liverpool	H
	24	Man City	A
	31	Fulham	H
Sep	14	Brighton	A
	21	Southampton	A
	28	Aston Villa	H
Oct	05	West Ham	A
	19	Everton	H
	26	Brentford	A
Nov	02	Leicester	H
	09	Tottenham	A
	23	Man Utd	H
	30	Nottm Forest	A
Dec	03	C Palace	H
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	21	Newcastle	H
	26	Arsenal	A
	29	Chelsea	H
Jan	04	Fulham	A
	14	Brighton	H
	18	Man City	H
	25	Liverpool	A
Feb	01	Southampton	H
	15	Aston Villa	A
	22	Tottenham	H
	26	Man Utd	A
Mar	08	C Palace	A
	15	Nottm Forest	H
Apr	01	Bournemouth	A
	05	Wolves	H
	12	Chelsea	A
	19	Arsenal	H
	26	Newcastle	A
May	03	Everton	A
	10	Brentford	H
	18	Leicester	A
	25	West Ham	H



LEAGUE FIXTURES



TOP-FLIGHT SEASON



LEICESTER

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	19	Tottenham	H
	24	Fulham	A
	31	Aston Villa	H
Sep	14	C Palace	A
	21	Everton	H
	28	Arsenal	A
Oct	05	Bournemouth	H
	19	Southampton	A
	26	Nottm Forest	H
Nov	02	Ipswich	A
	09	Man Utd	A
	23	Chelsea	H
	30	Brentford	A
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	25	West Ham	A
Mar	08	Chelsea	A
	15	Man Utd	H
Apr	02	Man City	A
	05	Newcastle	H
	12	Brighton	A
	19	Liverpool	H
	26	Wolves	A
May	03	Southampton	H
	10	Nottm Forest	A
	18	Ipswich	H
	25	Bournemouth	A

LIVERPOOL

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	17	Ipswich	A
	24	Brentford	H
	31	Man Utd	A
Sep	14	Nottm Forest	H
	21	Bournemouth	H
	28	Wolves	A
Oct	05	C Palace	A
	19	Chelsea	H
	26	Arsenal	A
Nov	02	Brighton	H
	09	Aston Villa	H
	23	Southampton	A
	30	Man City	H
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	07	Everton	A
	14	Fulham	H
	21	Tottenham	A
	26	Leicester	H
	29	West Ham	A
Jan	04	Man Utd	H
	14	Nottm Forest	A
	18	Brentford	A
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	15	Wolves	H
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	26	Newcastle	H
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	15	Aston Villa	A
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	05	Fulham	A
	12	West Ham	H
	19	Leicester	A
	26	Tottenham	H
May	03	Chelsea	A
	10	Arsenal	H
	18	Brighton	A
	25	C Palace	H

MAN CITY

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	18	Chelsea	A
	24	Ipswich	H
	31	West Ham	A
Sep	14	Brentford	H
	21	Arsenal	H
	28	Newcastle	A
Oct	05	Fulham	H
	19	Wolves	A
	26	Southampton	H
Nov	02	Bournemouth	A
	09	Brighton	A
	23	Tottenham	H
	30	Liverpool	A
Dec	04	Nottm Forest	H
	07	C Palace	A
	14	Man Utd	H
	21	Aston Villa	A
	26	Everton	H
	29	Leicester	A
Jan	04	West Ham	H
	14	Brentford	A
	18	Ipswich	A
	25	Chelsea	H
Feb	01	Arsenal	A
	15	Newcastle	H
	22	Liverpool	H
	25	Tottenham	A
Mar	08	Nottm Forest	A
	15	Brighton	H
Apr	02	Leicester	H
	05	Man Utd	A
	12	C Palace	H
	19	Everton	A
	26	Aston Villa	H
May	03	Wolves	H
	10	Southampton	A
	18	Bournemouth	H
	25	Fulham	A

MAN UTD

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	16	Fulham	H
	24	Brighton	A
	31	Liverpool	H
Sep	14	Southampton	A
	21	C Palace	A
	28	Tottenham	H
Oct	05	Aston Villa	A
	19	Brentford	H
	26	West Ham	A
Nov	02	Chelsea	H
	09	Leicester	H
	23	Ipswich	A
	30	Everton	H
Dec	03	Arsenal	A
	07	Nottm Forest	H
	14	Man City	A
	21	Bournemouth	H
	26	Wolves	A
	29	Newcastle	H
Jan	04	Liverpool	A
	15	Southampton	H
	18	Brighton	H
	25	Fulham	A
Feb	01	C Palace	H
	15	Tottenham	A
	22	Everton	A
	26	Ipswich	H
Mar	08	Arsenal	H
	15	Leicester	A
Apr	01	Nottm Forest	A
	05	Man City	H
	12	Newcastle	A
	19	Wolves	H
	26	Bournemouth	A
May	03	Brentford	A
	10	West Ham	H
	18	Chelsea	A
	25	Aston Villa	H

NEWCASTLE

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	17	Southampton	H
	24	Bournemouth	A
	31	Tottenham	H
Sep	14	Wolves	A
	21	Fulham	A
	28	Man City	H
Oct	05	Everton	A
	19	Brighton	H
	26	Chelsea	A
Nov	02	Arsenal	H
	09	Nottm Forest	A
	23	West Ham	H
	30	C Palace	A
Dec	04	Liverpool	H
	07	Brentford	A
	14	Leicester	H
	21	Ipswich	A
	26	Aston Villa	H
	29	Man Utd	A
Jan	04	Tottenham	A
	15	Wolves	H
	18	Bournemouth	H
	25	Southampton	A
Feb	01	Fulham	H
	15	Man City	A
	22	Nottm Forest	H
	26	Liverpool	A
Mar	08	West Ham	A
	15	C Palace	H
Apr	02	Brentford	H
	05	Leicester	A
	12	Man Utd	H
	19	Aston Villa	A
	26	Ipswich	H
May	03	Brighton	A
	10	Chelsea	H
	18	Arsenal	A
	25	Everton	H

N FOREST

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	17	Bournemouth	H
	24	Southampton	A
	31	Wolves	H
Sep	14	Liverpool	A
	21	Brighton	A
	28	Fulham	H
Oct	05	Chelsea	A
	19	C Palace	H
	26	Leicester	A
Nov	02	West Ham	H
	09	Newcastle	H
	23	Arsenal	A
	30	Ipswich	H
Dec	04	Man City	A
	07	Man Utd	A
	14	Aston Villa	H
	21	Brentford	A
	26	Tottenham	H
	29	Everton	A
Jan	04	Wolves	A
	14	Liverpool	H
	18	Southampton	H
	25	Bournemouth	A
Feb	01	Brighton	H
	15	Fulham	A
	22	Newcastle	A
	25	Arsenal	H
Mar	08	Man City	H
	15	Ipswich	A
Apr	01	Man Utd	H
	05	Aston Villa	A
	12	Everton	H
	19	Tottenham	A
	26	Brentford	H
May	03	C Palace	A
	10	Leicester	H
	18	West Ham	A
	25	Chelsea	H

SOUTHAMPTON

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	17	Newcastle	A
	24	Nottm Forest	H
	31	Brentford	A
Sep	14	Man Utd	H
	21	Ipswich	H
	28	Bournemouth	A
Oct	05	Arsenal	A
	19	Leicester	H
	26	Man City	A
Nov	02	Everton	H
	09	Wolves	A
	23	Liverpool	H
	30	Brighton	A
Dec	04	Chelsea	H
	07	Aston Villa	A
	14	Tottenham	H
	21	Fulham	A
	26	West Ham	H
	29	C Palace	A
Jan	04	Brentford	H
	15	Man Utd	A
	18	Nottm Forest	A
	25	Newcastle	H
Feb	01	Ipswich	A
	15	Bournemouth	H
	22	Brighton	H
	26	Chelsea	A
Mar	08	Liverpool	A
	15	Wolves	H
Apr	02	C Palace	H
	05	Tottenham	A
	12	Aston Villa	H
	19	West Ham	A
	26	Fulham	H
May	03	Leicester	A
	10	Man City	H
	18	Everton	A
	25	Arsenal	H

TOTTENHAM

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	19	Leicester	A
	24	Everton	H
	31	Newcastle	A
Sep	14	Arsenal	H
	21	Brentford	H
	28	Man Utd	A
Oct	05	Brighton	A
	19	West Ham	H
	26	C Palace	A
Nov	02	Aston Villa	H
	09	Ipswich	H
	23	Man City	A
	30	Fulham	H
Dec	03	Bournemouth	A
	07	Chelsea	H
	14	Southampton	A
	21	Liverpool	H
	26	Nottm Forest	A
	29	Wolves	H
Jan	04	Newcastle	H
	14	Arsenal	A
	18	Everton	A
	25	Leicester	H
Feb	01	Brentford	A
	15	Man Utd	H
	22	Ipswich	A
	25	Man City	H
Mar	08	Bournemouth	H
	15	Fulham	A
Apr	02	Chelsea	A
	05	Southampton	H
	12	Wolves	A
	19	Nottm Forest	H
	26	Liverpool	A
May	03	West Ham	A
	10	C Palace	H
	18	Aston Villa	A
	25	Brighton	H

WEST HAM

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	17	Aston Villa	H
	24	C Palace	A
	31	Man City	H
Sep	14	Fulham	A
	21	Chelsea	H
	28	Brentford	A
Oct	05	Ipswich	H
	19	Tottenham	A
	26	Man Utd	H
Nov	02	Nottm Forest	A
	09	Everton	H
	23	Newcastle	A
	30	Arsenal	H
Dec	03	Leicester	A
	07	Wolves	H
	14	Bournemouth	A
	21	Brighton	H
	26	Southampton	A
	29	Liverpool	H
Jan	04	Man City	A
	14	Fulham	H
	18	C Palace	H
	25	Aston Villa	A
Feb	01	Chelsea	A
	15	Brentford	H
	22	Arsenal	A
	25	Leicester	H
Mar	08	Newcastle	H
	15	Everton	A
Apr	01	Wolves	A
	05	Bournemouth	H
	12	Liverpool	A
	19	Southampton	H
	26	Brighton	A
May	03	Tottenham	H
	10	Man Utd	A
	18	Nottm Forest	H
	25	Ipswich	A

WOLVES

Month	Date	Opponent	H/A
Aug	17	Arsenal	A
	24	Chelsea	H
	31	Nottm Forest	A
Sep	14	Newcastle	H
	21	Aston Villa	A
	28	Liverpool	H
Oct	05	Brentford	A
	19	Man City	H
	26	Brighton	A
Nov	02	C Palace	H
	09	Southampton	H
	23	Fulham	A
	30	Bournemouth	H
Dec	03	Everton	A
	07	West Ham	A
	14	Ipswich	H
	21	Leicester	A
	26	Man Utd	H
	29	Tottenham	A
Jan	04	Nottm Forest	H
	15	Newcastle	A
	18	Chelsea	A
	25	Arsenal	H
Feb	01	Aston Villa	H
	15	Liverpool	A
	22	Bournemouth	A
	25	Fulham	H
Mar	08	Everton	H
	15	Southampton	A
Apr	01	West Ham	H
	05	Ipswich	A
	12	Tottenham	H
	19	Man Utd	A
	26	Leicester	H
May	03	Man City	A
	10	Brighton	H
	18	C Palace	A
	25	Brentford	H

2024-25 SEASON ALL KEY DATES



OPENING WEEKEND

Man United	v	Fulham
Ipswich	v	Liverpool
Arsenal	v	Wolves
Everton	v	Brighton
Newcastle	v	Southampton
Nottm Forest	v	Bournemouth
West Ham	v	Aston Villa
Brentford	v	Crystal Palace
Chelsea	v	Man City
Leicester	v	Tottenham

BOXING DAY

Arsenal	v	Ipswich
Bournemouth	v	Crystal Palace
Brighton	v	Brentford
Chelsea	v	Fulham
Liverpool	v	Leicester
Man City	v	Everton
Newcastle	v	Aston Villa
Nottm Forest	v	Tottenham
Southampton	v	West Ham
Wolves	v	Man United

FINAL DAY

Bournemouth	v	Leicester
Fulham	v	Man City
Ipswich	v	West Ham
Liverpool	v	Crystal Palace
Man United	v	Aston Villa
Newcastle	v	Everton
Nottm Forest	v	Chelsea
Southampton	v	Arsenal
Tottenham	v	Brighton
Wolves	v	Brentford

JULY

14 European Championship final (Olympiastadion, Berlin)
14 Copa America final (Hard Rock Stadium, Miami. 1am UK time July 15)

AUGUST

10 Championship, League One, League Two kick off
10 Community Shield, Manchester City v Manchester United
13-14 Carabao Cup starts
16 Premier League kicks off
29 Champions League league stage draw
30 Europa League league stage draw
30 Europa Conference League league stage draw
30 Transfer window in England closes (11pm)

SEPTEMBER

5 Nations League: Northern Ireland v Luxembourg; Scotland v Poland
6 Nations League: Wales v Turkey
7 Nations League: Republic of Ireland v England
8 Nations League: Bulgaria v Northern Ireland; Portugal v Scotland
9 Nations League: Montenegro v Wales
10 Nations League: England v Finland
17-19 Champions League: League stage, matchday 1
21-22 WSL Season kicks off
25-26 Europa League: League stage, matchday 1

OCTOBER

1-2 Champions League: League stage, matchday 2
3 Europa League: League stage, matchday 2
3 Europa Conference League: League stage, matchday 1
10 Nations League: England v Greece
11 Nations League: Iceland v Wales
12 Nations League: Croatia v Scotland; Belarus v Northern Ireland
13 Nations League: Finland v England; Greece v Republic of Ireland
14 Nations League: Wales v Montenegro
15 Nations League: Northern Ireland v Bulgaria; Scotland v Portugal
22-23 Champions League: League stage, matchday 3
24 Europa League: League stage, matchday 3
24 Europa Conference League: League stage, matchday 2

NOVEMBER

2 FA Cup: First round
5-6 Champions League: League stage, matchday 4
7 Europa League: League stage, matchday 4
7 Europa Conference League: League stage, matchday 3
14 Nations League: Greece v England; Finland v Republic of Ireland
15 Nations League: Scotland v Croatia
16 Nations League: Turkey v Wales
17 Nations League: England v Republic of Ireland
18 Nations League: Poland v Scotland; Luxembourg v Northern Ireland
19 Nations League: Wales v Iceland
26-27 Champions League: League stage, matchday 5
28 Europa Conference League: League stage, matchday 4
30 FA Cup: Second round

DECEMBER

10-11 Champions League: League stage, matchday 6
12 Europa League: League stage, matchday 6
12 Europa Conference League: League stage, matchday 5
19 Europa Conference League: League stage, matchday 6
20 Europa Conference League: Knockout round playoffs draw

JANUARY

1 Transfer window in England opens
11 FA Cup third round
21-22 Champions League: League stage, matchday 7
23 Europa League: League stage, matchday 7
29 Champions League: League stage, matchday 8
30 Europa League: League stage, matchday 8
31 Champions League: Europa League knockout round play-offs draw

FEBRUARY

3 Transfer window in England closes (11pm)
8 FA Cup: Fourth round
11-12 Champions League: Knockout round play-offs, first leg
13 Europa League: Knockout round play-offs, first leg
13 Europa Conference League: Knockout round play-offs, first leg
18-19 Champions League: Knockout round play-offs, second leg
20 Europa League: Knockout round play-offs, second leg
20 Europa Conference League: Knockout round play-offs, second leg
21 Champions League, Europa League, Europa Conference League: Round of 16, quarter-finals and semi-finals draws

MARCH

1 FA Cup: Fifth round
4-5 Champions League: Round of 16, first leg
6 Europa League: Round of 16, first leg
6 Europa Conference League: Round of 16, first leg
11-12 Champions League: Round of 16, second leg
13 Europa League: Round of 16, second leg
13 Europa Conference League: Round of 16, second leg
16 Carabao Cup: Final
15-16 Women's League Cup final
21-22 World Cup qualifiers: Matchday 1
24-25 World Cup qualifiers: Matchday 2
29 FA Cup: Quarter-finals

APRIL

8-9 Champions League: Quarter-finals, first leg
10 Europa League: Quarter-finals, first leg
10 Europa Conference League: Quarter-finals, first leg
15-16 Champions League: Quarter-finals, second leg
17 Europa League: Quarter-finals, second leg
17 Europa Conference League: Quarter-finals, second leg
26 FA Cup: Semi-finals
29-30 Champions League: Semi-finals, first leg

MAY

1 Europa League: Semi-finals, first leg
1 Europa Conference League: Semi-finals, first leg
3 EFL season final day
6-7 Champions League: Semi-finals, second leg
8 Europa League: Semi-finals, second leg
8 Europa Conference League: Semi-finals, second leg
10-11 WSL season final weekend
17 FA Cup final (Wembley)
21 Europa League final (Estadio de San Mames, Bilbao)
24 League Two Play-Off final (Wembley)
25 Premier League, final day of season
25 League One Play-Off final (Wembley)
26 Championship Play-Off final (Wembley)
28 Europa Conference League final (Stadion Wroclaw, Poland)
31 Champions League final (Allianz Arena, Munich)

JUNE

4 Nations League: League A first semi-final
5 Nations League: League A second semi-final
6-7 World Cup qualifiers: Matchday 3
8 Nations League: League A final
9-10 World Cup qualifiers: Matchday 4